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JANUARY — MEMBERSHIP MONTH

To All Chapter Commanders and Members:

The National Commander has designated the month of January for an intensive campaign for membership. RAYMOND KINCAID, Past Commander of the Department of Connecticut has been appointed Chairman of the Membership Committee. It is the hope of the National Commander that every Chapter will hold at least two open meetings during the month in the interest of the largest membership in the Association this year. A Speaker's Bureau has been formed and if a speaker is desired at any of these meetings, notify headquarters and they will be arranged.

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BETWEEN OURSELVES

Greetings and salutations! Here we are again, badly bent but not busted. And with what seem like two good reasons for sounding off again in this customary corner.

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First reason. Despite the name still flying bravely at the "masthead" above; ye ed. has toiled not, neither has he spun, for lo these many months, and it is about time he tried a bit to repay in what small way he can the loyalty of those who have carried him along as a super-cargo. The man who has been doing the lion's share of getting out YANKEE DOINGS — namely GUY WATTS — has asked yours truly to try to whip up something to fill a page or two. And after what *he* has done — not only for your bedraggled and whittled-down erstwhile editor personally — but for the whole Y.D.V.A. as well, a fella can't say no, if he can still hold a pencil in his hand.

And secondly, six months on the shelf has provided a change of perspective. The relative importance of the several "purposes" of the Y.D.V.A. has come into clearer focus. So it may just be that what is written here may be more than a space filler. It may perhaps give others the new slant on things that illness has given the writer. If so it will have served a two-fold purpose: it will help restore one man's confidence that he still can do his bit even if only in passing on to others something he has learned; and it will make ours a better organization if all of us take that lesson to heart.

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There is the old saying about the fellow who couldn't see the forest because of the trees. Well, that's exactly the way one becomes after 15 years or so at the pivotal center of activity of any occupation. Much of the time the principal objective of whatever organization it may be,

seems to him to be its own self-perpetuation. He devotes his best efforts to keep the outfit *going* — not going *anywhere* in particular — just going. The drives for members are to make it bigger. For what? The curtailing of expenses and the digging for dough are to keep it solvent. For what? Just so it will continue to exist. But existence alone surely isn't enough of a reason to justify itself. To be sure, other reasons have been often cited: to keep old memories alive, to keep YD comrades together, to organize conventions and good times, to help one another. Nevertheless, too often, in the mind of the writer, who has plugged away year in and year out, these reasons have assumed secondary importance and have been used to achieve the one objective of continuing in existence. Without too much real thought of, "What for?"

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But by jingo, he knows *now* what for! And in the fewest possible words it is for what each one of us can do for each other one. Yes, many a time, in years past, we have been "too busy" to visit a sick comrade at home or in the hospital. We confess it with shame. It is true we *were* busy. But the whole trouble was that it seemed more important to keep abreast of the routine work than to give an afternoon or an evening to just one man. We know better now. We know what a visit or a letter or a phone call means to a guy shut off from things. But these YD friends of ours, God bless 'em, they haven't been too busy to remember *us* in a thousand ways.

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Right now, this minute, there is some fellow, and you know *who* he is and *where* he is, whose long, drab day would have a bright spot in it if *you* would drop in and say hello. He would go to bed tonight feeling he is still a part of this world, and that some one is still glad he's alive just because he's old Pete or old Jake, no matter if his value in dollars and cents to the world-at-large is nil. I tell you, old comrades, when you feel you are hanging onto this world's coat-tails in a dizzy spin, instead of sitting on its shoulders with the reins in your hands; when you know damn well you aren't pulling your own weight on the traces and you wonder why in blazes anyone else should bother themselves to do so; there is just one thing that will give you a boost; and that is to have some friend let you know that you mean just as much to him as ever you did! You have done this for yours truly, unfailingly and unfalteringly. And thus you have given a new value to what YD friendship can mean. And that is what we in turn are trying to pass on to the whole organization.

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Yes, it means fraternity, jollity, reminiscenses. But give your first thought to the fellow who needs something so vastly more important: the will to keep on living, the assurance that the world still has a place for him. Don't wait until you meet him, go to him, or write to him, or send him some little thing; but by some means or other, be it a firm grip of the hand, the smile of true friendship, the right word of cheer, get that message across, "The world still needs you and it would be a poorer place without you."

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We don't want to get maudlin or oversentimental. But giving a man the will — the desire — to find something worthwhile living for when he has just about made up his mind he's washed up, is in every respect the same as saving a life. Every one of us has a chance to do it countless times. What greater "purpose" could we be organized for?

From New York Herald Tribune of Nov. 21st

CITIZEN SOLDIERS

"There is not in the whole French Army one soldier who closely resembles another," Jean Giraudoux said the other day. What a beautiful thing to be able to say of a group as large as an army! The French regiment, then, is not regimented. Personality exists and grows in it. The paradox of the free man in society, nonchalantly achieved in peace by French civilization, nonchalantly survives the discipline of war.

Americans like and understand this, as the French liked and understood it in America years ago. When the first National Guard division, the 26th, went into training in the Neufchateau area in the fall of 1917, French instructors observed their material and were content. They beheld, in the words of Major E. J. Taylor, historian of the 26th, a recruit who was irreverent, contentious, impudent, hell-raising, self-confident, curious, quarrelsome in his drink, none too mindful of the strictest orders but patient in discomfort, hardship and danger; A.W.O.L. by the hundreds to escape routine, tremendously energetic and direct in getting important work done, and going into battle as if a fete, to quote another French source.

Gen. Edwards, commanding the 26th, had a job on his hands licking this enthusiastic mob into shape. The Yankee citizen soldiers liked the way he did it. Regular of regulars that he was,

he understood as well as the French instructors what his men were like. He understood that the basis of their morale was intensely personal and local, laid deep in the New England common and green. The Branford Battery had a number designation, but when it opened up, or took punishment, or was decorated, it was still the Branford Battery with Branford boys serving the guns, and not one closely resembled another.

These things and the understanding of them by their commanding general are remembered with pride and affection by all the unregimented Yankee who served under him.

CHARACTER IS DESTINY

If every living member of our 26th Div., A. E. F., will accept the fact, that each one is given the knowledge of the particular tendencies of their own character that spells success or failure, and the Will to overcome the unfavorable characteristics within reasonable limits, and that their Destiny is in their own hands, and to prove that they have the right character. We must accept these facts.

Also, we must realize that the success and happiness of our chapter depends largely upon the attitude of all of our members, and all business relating to our chapter, department and National headquarters collectively. The thread of each man's destiny is surely the thread of his own character, and it is indelibly stamped on us at the time of our birth by forces and vibrations. Our fundamental tendencies, our inherent characteristics, our line of ability, all of these are written for us at the time of our birth. Yes, it is true that our character is our destiny.

It might be thought by the sages of our Y.D. V.A., has the YD vet of '17-'18-'19 *forgot* the splendid character that was awarded to our YD by our DADDY EDWARDS? Or, has some unknown element taken root in the lives of some of our boys, so that they have taken that don't-care-a-damn attitude towards our Y.D.V.A.? Personally, I can hardly believe that this could be true. Why? Well, because the man who wears our YD button on his coat is picked out by another vet of the YD wherever he travels.

Back in the Summer of 1928, I travelled with my wife from Connecticut to Yellowstone Park and back, and on this 7000-mile trip, I was picked out by other YD vets as many as twenty times. At any of the veteran conventions the man with the YD button is always picked out, why, because the old YD has a real and true character. It was my destiny to be so picked out, therefore, it was the character of the YD that made my destiny in these cases.

The YD man is a vet of a great legion, he is looked up to by those who recognize our button. They know what the YD went through, they all realize that the man with the YD button has a character with a destiny. Knowing all this to be true, then all of our Chapters and Departments should be rich with members, our National Headquarters would have the greenbacks to enlarge its many departments, and spread the YANKEE DOINGS into our 48 States, so that every living member of the YD would be a member of our YDVA. Yes, character is destiny. Who among our YDVA would say that is wrong?

— "OLD" BILL ADAMS.

THE CONVENTION

Application has been filed for the National Convention Corporation papers and probably by the time this magazine is out the papers will be passed through the different channels of the Department of Corporations for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the YDVA 1940 National Convention Corporation will be a recognized Corporation.

The Officers have already been appointed and were published in the October issue of DOINGS. The first meeting is scheduled to take place at the YD Club on December 7th. The purpose is to form committees and map out plans for a successful Convention. BEN JAMES, the General Chairman, has many new and novel ideas and will be able to put them across with the approval and assistance of strong committees. Much work has to be done between now and June, and everyone must do their share.

The Convention is coming back home, after being in all the different states of New England. Some were successful financially, all were social successes. This one should be the largest, most successful, financially and socially.

Advance registration blanks will be ready soon. Register early.

THIS MONTH'S COVER

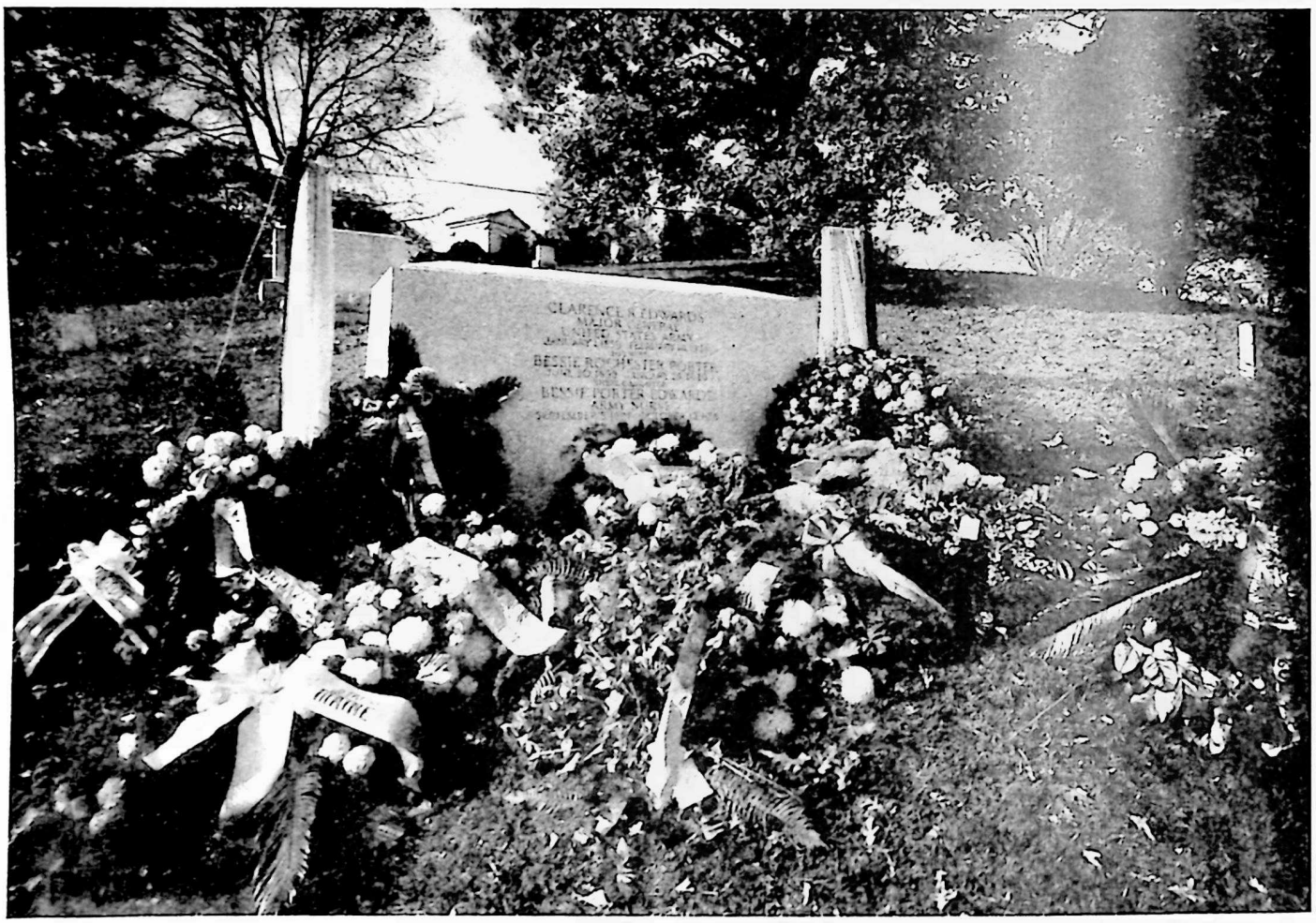
This month's cover is a rear view of the stone on General EDWARDS grave, the dedication services which were held on November 11th of this year. In the background can be seen the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial and the Capitol and a very good view of a part of Washington. The front view of the stone will be found with the Washington news item.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER DEDICATES HEADSTONE AT GRAVE OF MAJOR GENERAL EDWARDS

Saturday, November 11, 1939, will be a day long remembered by the members of the Yankee Division since on that day, after many years of agitation, the Division was able to have an appropriate headstone placed upon the grave of its wartime commander, Major General CLARENCE RANSOM EDWARDS. The dedication exercises were carried out by the YD Club of Washington with all the dignity and honors befitting our beloved wartime leader. A resumé of the happenings on November 11th can be summed up as follows:

At 7:45 o'clock in the morning a delegation of YD members met the Federal Express on which our National Commander JERRY O'LEARY, Colonel HENRY DE COMERAIS, formerly Captain of Headquarters Company, 101st Infantry, and representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, together with JAMES C. BARRY, of the Disabled Ex-Servicemen's Exchange of Boston, arrived.

After a hasty breakfast, and some time lost in getting the various wreaths off the train, the party journeyed to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington where at 9 a.m. there were waiting approximately 100 other members of the YD, their wives and friends, to participate in the laying of wreaths by National Commander O'LEARY, Chapter Commander JOSEPH P. JORDAN, of the YD Club of Washington, and Commander NATHAN D. GOLDEN of the Major General CLARENCE R. EDWARDS Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Appropriate ceremonies accompanied the laying of these wreaths, after which the party journeyed over the hill to General EDWARDS' grave where, sharply at 10 a.m., under the able guidance of Chapter Member Major JOHN CASWELL, JR., the ceremonies be-



FRONT VIEW OF HEADSTONE ON MAJ.-GEN. EDWARDS' GRAVE

gan. Incidentally, JOHN CASWELL did a yeoman job in his contact with the Army and with the Superintendent of Arlington Cemetery, Colonel Charles G. Mortimer, in making arrangements for the facilities at Arlington and the Army's participation, which consisted of the entire 3rd Cavalry Band of Fort Myer, and Color Guards and Bearers from the Fort.

Hon. John W. McCormack, Representative of the 12th District of Massachusetts, made the dedicatory address and unveiled the headstone and everyone was in agreement that it was one of the most appropriate addresses for the occasion that they had ever heard. Congressman McCormack deserves a lot of credit for his sincere and capable short address at the General's grave.

We then proceeded to the laying of wreaths after the headstone had been unveiled and the program—which should be carried in YANKEE DOINGS—will give an indication of the wreaths that were laid. Those in attendance that day will long cherish the memory of the serene beauty of the view afforded from the hilltop where the General sleeps. His tomb faces the Potomac River and in looking over the back of the grave, there is spread a panorama of the skyline of the Nation's Capital, with the three centers of interest — the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument and the Capitol — in full prominence. These are shown conspicuously in the photograph on the front cover of this issue.

Among the distinguished guests participating in the dedication services were the following: Hon. Ernest W. Gibson, Senator of the State of Vermont; Congressman Foster Stearns from the State of New Hampshire; Col. HENRY DE COMERAIS of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; GARDINER H. HALL, Department Commander, Yankee Division Veterans Association of the State of Connecticut representing the Governor of Connecticut; Rodney E. Marshall, representing the State of Maine; Colonel David Arnold, representing the Governor of Rhode Island; Commander FRED H. FLAHAVAN, Department of the United States, Y.D.V.A.; W. H. Manson, representing the American Legion, Department of Massachusetts; Congressman Thomas A. Flaherty of the Eleventh District of Massachusetts; Mrs. Nathaniel S. Simpkins, Jr., (widow of General EDWARDS' Aide, NATE SIMPKINS,) of the Disabled Ex-Servicemen's Exchange, Boston, Massachusetts; Comrade W. A. MOODY of Litize, Pennsylvania; Commander HENRY E. WOODS, Norwalk Chapter, Y.D.V.A., and MIKE MOONEY of Boston.

Commander JERRY O'LEARY very ably, and with well chosen words, on behalf of the Y.D. V.A., delivered a short address which was fitting for the occasion.

There were approximately 200 to 250 people — members of the YD and their friends — at these services. The following are a list of the members of the YD Club of Washington whom I recall seeing there with their wives: Comrades QUEENIN, CARSON, ST. PETER, YOUNG, STEARNS, DODIC, MORAN, HUTCHINS, NORTON, GLUECK, CAMPBELL, MOODY, SHARPLES, WILNER, CASWELL, BARTRAM, MARGOLIS, LANGDON, CLEVELAND, BURR, STANDISH, ELLIS, JORDAN, JACQUES, SAMPLER, HAYWARD, ARNOLD and WHITE. (If any other members were there, it is not our intention to overlook them.)

A spontaneous and impromptu cocktail party was engineered by GOLDIE and PAUL HUTCHINS for the visiting delegation from New England, at their delightful home in Silver Springs, Maryland. Everyone attending enjoyed this get-together to the fullest. The festivities of the day culminated by the appearance of the National Commander, and others from New England, as guests at the Armistice Day Ball of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the Willard Hotel that night, and in the wee hours of the morning, the local members said "good-bye" to the "visiting firemen" capping a very successful program for the day.

— NATHAN D. GOLDEN.

COMMANDER TOM DEE ON THE JOB

According to a report submitted by THOS. F. CROKAN, Historian of Springfield chapter, Commander DEE has been pretty much on the job. He has shown himself to be a go-getter. The personal efforts of TOM (Co. B, 104th Inf.) cannot be passed up without some comment says Comrade CROKAN. Here is the evidence of TOM's hard work and all was accomplished with the aid of "shanks mare." New members obtained for Springfield Chapter include, ALFRED E. TOELKEN, K. Co., 104th Inf.; CYRIL J. LAFRANCIS, Hqs. Co., 104th Inf.; Capt. GEO. A. SEYMOUR, C Co., 101st Inf.; ROBT. CARSON, 102nd F.A.; WILLIAM O'NEIL, B Co., 104th Inf.; EARL F. BLISS, Med. Det., 104th Inf.; RICHARD M. CUNNINGHAM, Supply Co., 102nd Inf.; and HOWARD HOXIE. Commander DEE deserves a lot of credit for his untiring efforts in his strive for new members.

MY TRIP TO WASHINGTON

Going by plane and arriving in the Capitol at noon, Friday, November 10th. I proceeded at once to the hotel where I settled myself for the next three days. After a pretty fair lunch I proceeded to take a trip to Arlington Cemetery there to visit the home of former Gen. Lee of Civil War fame and then over to the grave to our own "Daddy" EDWARDS. From there I went to visit the home of the first President of the U. S. at Mount Vernon and then on to visit the oldest Masonic Lodge in the U. S. and where Gen. Washington was its first Master. Having had a swell afternoon I turned back to the hotel for a rest and a general cleaning up.

That night after calling NATE GOLDEN by phone to get the "set-up" for the following day I proceeded to entertain myself around town. This entertainment was really some thing. About 11 P. M. I turned in and shortly thereafter who turns up at the hotel but our genial friend and "fireball", FRED FLAHAVAN from Cleveland, Ohio. At once we got together and after a few "hookers" we proceeded to talk YD until the "wee hours". At six o'clock the next morning we were up again and ready to meet NATE GOLDEN who took us to the station to meet Nat. Commander O'LEARY, JACK BARRY, Col. CORMERAN, and MIKE MOONEY of Boston. At once we proceeded with the serious side of our trip by going to Arlington Cemetery there to lay a Wreath at the Tomb of the "Unknown". This was very splendidly done. From here we went to Gen. EDWARDS' grave for the ceremonies which were well nigh perfect in every detail. A crowd of YD men, their wives, and friends numbering close to 200 or better attended. The principal address, a very fine one, was given by Rep. John W. McCormack, followed by a few words by our National Commander.

Beautiful wreathes were laid at the base of the new stone, which in its simplicity is a thing of beauty, and this was followed by the hymn, "Lead Kindly Light," played by the 3rd Cavalry Band, a Blessing by an Army Chaplain and Taps by a Retired Master Bugler. The scene and services at the grave were something to be proud of and those of the Washington YD Chapter who made the arrangements are to be highly complimented on the thoroughness of the job done. The entire ceremony was conducted with the dignity and love for some one that only YD knows how to give. Certainly of our beloved General could have spoken to us he would have said those words of our Ritual which have such a tender meaning to all YD — "Well done thou good and faithful son of YD."

This ceremony will live long in the memories of those who were given the rare privilege of being there. Following the ceremonies NATE GOLDEN, JOE JORDAN, Nat. Commander JERRY O'LEARY, the Col., FLAHAVAN, Mrs. Golden, a YD man from Philadelphia, myself and others went for lunch — and WHAT a lunch. Then we proceeded to the home of Comrade HUTCHINS, and spent one of the finest afternoons we have had in many a moon. Comrade HUTCHINS and his good wife had the table set with "dainties" and in the kitchen he had other things that were used to soften ones heart and tonsils. This was one of the finest examples of YD hospitality I have ever seen and it was greatly appreciated by all present and especially by those of us who had come some distance to be on hand. Thanks a million "Hutch" your kindness will long be a sweet memory too.

That night we attended the Grand Ball at the hotel given by the V.F.W. there, and this too, was a grand success. After one of those room parties with about 20 or so present all hands adjourned for a late supper. Late did I say, or should I say early, it was about 2.30 A. M. Thus ended one of the finest week-ends with both pleasure and serious business combined to make this an outstanding event and proving without one word of criticism that when YD men really set out to do things right they leave no stone unturned in making what ever it may be, a real success.

— GARDINER HALL.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. That's the wish of the entire staff of National Officers of the YDVA to each and every member of the YDVA. May you all enjoy the Merriest Christmas possible and may the New Year bring forth an abundance of health, happiness and prosperity. With the beginning of the New Year let us all resolve to get every YD man eligible into the association and to make 1940 our biggest and best to date.

THE NATIONAL COMMANDER SAYS

January has been set aside as Membership month and I would like to see one thousand new members added to our rolls, and I believe it can be done if we all go out and try.

Your National Commander has appointed Past Department Commander RAY KINCAID of the New Britain Conn. chapter Chairman of this membership drive.

Your National Commander has appointed the National Judge Advocate HAROLD SMITH of the Boston Chapter as Chairman of the Speaker's Bureau.

It is the idea of the writer to have both of these comrades work together for the benefit of the Y.D.V.A.

I would like to have all the Department Commanders work with RAY KINCAID on this most important job.

I would like to have all the Chapter Commanders have at least one open meeting, if possible two meetings, during the month of January, and invite all YD to attend the meetings.

If you want speakers to talk at your open meetings send in your request to the Chairman of the Speakers at 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, and I am sure that Chairman SMITH will make every effort to take care of that matter.

If you want to know any further details about the membership drive just get in touch with National Headquarters.

At the request of BILL LOVE the Department Commander of Maine and the Officers of the Cumberland County Chapter of Portland, Me., the next meeting of the National Executive Committee will be held in Portland early in January, that means that the Providence meeting will be be held later.

Your National Commander feels that more can be accomplished for the Y.D.V.A. by holding the meeting in Portland.

Below is a list of visits completed by your National Commander for the past month. I won't go into the details of the visits as they have already been published in YANKEE DOINGS.

Nov. 1st — Boston.
Nov. 3rd — Armistice Ball, Providence.
Nov. 4th — Hartford, Conn.
Nov. 5th — Hartford, Conn., Fitchburg and Foxboro, Mass., and Pawtucket, R. I.
Nov. 9th — Lynn, Mass.
Nov. 10th — Left for Washington, D. C.
Nov. 11th — Washington, D. C.
Nov. 12th — Arrived back in Providence.
Nov. 14th — Boston.
Nov. 16th — Boston.
Nov. 18th — Boston.
Nov. 21st — Boston.
Nov. 22nd — West Warwick, R. I.
Nov. 24th — Pawtucket, R. I.
Nov. 25th — Boston.
Nov. 28th — Boston.
Dec. 2nd — Lewiston, Maine.
Dec. 3rd — Portland, Maine.

Traveled a total number of 2398 miles.

The National Commander wishes YD men everywhere a most Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

— JERRY O'LEARY,
National Commander.

OUR DADS

Some twenty years have passed and gone,
They said then, War, too, was gone;
But now, we know War comes to reign,
And take the lives of men again.

Your dad and mine, they went across;
Some to return and some beneath a cross.
Did those men die, to die in vain,
So War could return and reign again?

We, the sons and daughters, of those who fought and died,
We must curb this curse which has never died.
We'll remember our dads, valiant soldiers then,
Now aging men, silent and sad.

Those dads who lived on,
Let's help them to be strong.
We, the sons and daughters of the good old YD.
Let's fight on to preserve, and strengthen, our Democracy.

Mary E. Pluff, daughter of
HARRY PLUFF, Commander of the
Haverhill Chapter, Y.D.V.A.

MEMBERSHIP

December 1st finds us a little ahead of the same date last year in membership — but very little. In fact we are running about neck and neck. So — now that the fall activities have started — get busy, all you staunch lads in command of local chapters. Get 'em back in and build up your standing.

NAT. COMMANDER O'LEARY'S SPEECH

Given at Gen. Edwards' Grave in Washington Armistice Day, November 11, 1939

Just a little more than a score of years have now passed, since the man and soldier whom we have come to honor today, gathered together a Division of Volunteer Soldiers from the green mountainsides of Maine to the sand dunes of Cape Cod and up the Connecticut Valley. He organized them, trained them, and led them through 210 days of active warfare, and then he brought them home.

He was remembered by them on his return, not for the military achievements he wrested with them, but for the kindly and fatherly leadership which inspired in their stout New England hearts the deeds of valor so generously strewn on the pages of the history of the Yankee Division which he led.

On his return to these peaceful shores he again led them in the pathways of civic leadership and mutual devotion to eath other and thus to the formation of that great organization which I am here representing, the Yankee Division Veterans Association.

It is with a deep sense of devotion and a feeling of personal pride that I say on behalf of almost 20,000 of his former soldiers, whom I now lead in his stead. The torch which you threw to us still burns high in the hands of those to whom you have entrusted the ideals for which you have lived and died. Our devotion to you and the dedication of this monument are symbolic of the principles for which you led us into war and the ideals for which you kept us together in peace.

So long as one of us lives the Yankee Division Veterans Association will see to it that this hallowed spot remains fresh and green and that no word or deed will ever issue to cloud the glories of your days with us and the memories of you which we cherish.

Standing to December 1 is as follows:

DEPT. OF ME.	
Augusta	4
Cumberland Co.	11
Farmington	15
Lewiston	29
Skowhegan	6
At Large	19
TOTAL	84
DEPT. OF N. H.	
Concord	25
Dover	3
Franklin	17
Keene	46
Laconia	5
Manchester	77
Nashua	44
Rochester	16
Triangle	18
At Large	14
TOTAL	264
DEPT. OF VT.	
Bellows Falls	0
Brattleboro	27
Burlington	0
Montpelier	31
Rutland	19
Springfield	2
At Large	9
TOTAL	88
DEPT. OF MASS.	
Attleboro	4
Beverly	44
Boston	541
Brockton	15
Clinton	2
Danvers	27
Fitchburg	55
Haverhill	43
Holyoke	9
Lowell	70
Lynn	185
Marlborough	14
Milford	21
New Bedford	42
Northampton	5
Salem	41
Springfield	46
Webster-Dudley	21
Worcester	134
Foxboro	18
No. Reading	27
At Large	67
TOTAL	1431
DEPT. OF R. I.	
Kent County	25
Pawtucket	104
Providence	190
TOTAL	319
DEPT. OF CONN.	
Bridgeport	27
Bristol	92
Hartford	271
Manchester	75
Meriden	38
Middletown	19
New Britain	68
New Haven	124
New London	36
Norwalk	32
Stamford	43
Terryville	20
Torrington	30
Valley	41
Wallingford	21
Waterbury	31
Willimantic	49
At Large	8
TOTAL	1025
DEPT. OF U. S.	
Chicago	19
Cleveland	33
Denver	11
Detroit	27
Los Angeles	17
New York	150
St. Louis	11
Washington	31
At Large	105
TOTAL	404
GRAND TOTAL	3615

LAST MAN'S CLUB

At the Last Man's Club's First Memorial Dinner, Armistice Eve, fifty-nine loyal sons of the YD were present and initiated. Being the first time in years that so many of these boys were assembled under one roof, it was quite a job to get them to think of anything else but fun.

Business being the first order of the evening, we proceeded with the initiation and signing of the roster. Armbands were adjusted to each man, "minus one star for the death of Simpson" before he was presented with a beautiful little book of 26 pages containing the constitution and by-laws, history of A Company in France, ship's passenger list, returning from France, roster of A Company men discharged at Camp Devens with their service numbers and a few reminiscences which will not soon be forgotten.

The committee in charge of initiation were: Jos. Vigiard, Bill Tweedly, Jim Macalum, Al Shabbott, Pete Bourget, Frank Senior, Dinky Dann. The oath was administered by our chaplain, Harry Fitzpatrick. Having consumed so much time trying to initiate 59 men, the boys were getting hungry and we began to hear the old familiar cry "when do we eat!" so it was decided to continue the remainder of the business while the dinner was being served. (10 P.M.)

Nomination of officers brought some lively discussion and the fact that nominations were closed with only one candidate for each office, precludes a contest. Candidates are:

President, J. L. Bourget; Vice President, Al Shabbott; Recording Secretary, Dinky Dann; Financial Secretary, John Spalding; Treasurer, Frank Senior; Custodian, Harold Andrews; Last Man's Guard, Jos. Vigiard; Sgt.-at-Arms, Ed Clarke; Chaplain, Harry Fitzpatrick.

All to be elected at the yearly meeting the last Thursday in January, 1940.

Having disposed of all the business of the evening, we now proceeded to listen to some very interesting speakers who were introduced by our Master of Ceremonies, Harold Andrews, who, by the way, kept a very sharp eye on that "bottle of champagne" which I can promise you has been safely returned to its vault. Lt. Jack Baird, R.I.S.P., a very busy man these days was our first speaker and because of another veteran engagement in Newport had to cut it short but he made up for it by spicing it up a bit. Gov. Norman S. Case, "Daddy" of A Co., who served with them on the border in 1916 and later took them to France, came all the way from Washington, D. C. and his words were really as from a father whom you haven't seen for a long time. We were also very fortunate in having Col. William D. Ireland, from the Rockland Nat. Bank, Boston, who is really the A Co.'s second "Daddy". He was the First Commander who took A Co. "over the top," at Belleau Woods. We were glad to hear that he will soon visit Lt. Rex V. McPherson in Missouri and we expect to hear from good old "Rex" in the near future.

Lt. Saltmarsh was a welcome figure and we hope he will be with us each year. Lt. Bill Garlick can always be relied upon to liven up a party such as this. Supply Officer of the 103rd M. G. Bn. Lt. Earl Chandler, and Lt. Thomas were our welcome guests and last but not least of our speakers of the evening was that witty Lt. Ted Fletcher, one of the greatest friends of The Last Man's Club. He has presented us with a silk lined mahogany chest with engraved name plate and insignia of A Co. "YD and Red Devil" to keep that precious bottle of champagne.

The party at the Narragansett Hotel broke shortly after 1 A.M. but some of the boys decided to make the rounds of the dugouts before retiring, and the sun was peeping over the hill before they got home. Some of the boys put good old "Sticky" Prescott (who came down from Bellows Falls, Vt., with his wife) on his way home the next day about 4 P. M. Dave Wright, Champagne, Jos. Sharkey, came down from New Hampshire. Bernie Snee, Bill Carney and "Bugler" Finley from Mass.

Lt. Harry "smile and good work for everyone" Van Hala, (YD, N. Y. Chapter), wrote and said, if he had received our message in time to charter a plane from N. Y., he would have been present. Good boy Harry! We will see that you get it in time next year. In the meantime, Bill Ireland is asking for you. Joseph "Buck" O'Brien also. N. Y. Chapter wrote he was unable to get down, "pneumonia."

The "fastest" one of the night was pulled by our amateur photographer, Pete Bourget. He brought his camera along, flash bulbs, films, exposure meter, carrying case and all. When he got ready to start shooting, he found "of all things" there was no lens on the camera. (Perhaps it's best that way.)

Wherever you find so much fun, you must find some disappointment. We were sorry to announce that Ray Durling is in the Hospital at

Rutland, Mass., and CRUICKSHANK is in the hospital White River Junct., Vt. But I should like to tell all you boys that if the spirit needs bolstering, these yearly reunions is the best place in the world to get it. Make your plans now for next year, and one more word, (you members of A Co. get all the boys in your territory to join the best organization in the world for a YD man, the Y. D. V. A.) and watch the pages of YANKEE DOINGS for your Last Man's Club. — J. L. "Pete" BOURGET.

P.S.: C Co., 103rd M. G. Bn. invites the Last Man's Club to attend a bean supper, (free eats) to be held January 3rd, at the Harrison Street Armory, Providence, R. I. There is no meeting in the meantime, so this is your notification. Let's turn out for good old C Co. and forget that we "shellacked" them in that famous baseball game at Requeil. With the assistance of PETE HARSHER.

CONTRASTS: 1917 - 1939

When we look back and compare our Christmas of 1917 with what we have today it seems hard to believe that 22 years have transpired. The many and varied changes that have taken place in our lives are hard to realize sometimes.

There we were in 1917, a bunch of young sprouts nearly all single and only recently become temporary residents of "Sunny" France. Our lot then was rather tough, with a lack of proper clothing, fuel, and even food in some cases. Even an occasional raid on the fields, wood piles and forests of our French hosts failed sadly in making up the deficiencies of either. What few francs most of us had we spent freely in the noble American spirit of giving some Christmas joy and cheer to the poor and unfortunate French "gamins" or kiddies living nearby, with hardly a second thought to our own discomfort and wants. There was no attempt at any such thing as a "balanced diet" for us in those days. I'll say not. A freshly opened can of corned willy and hard tack sufficed for many of us.

Sure, back here in the States, turkey and all the "fixin's" were shipped over, but they reached us two months later and we had "our" Xmas 1917 dinner on Washington's Birthday in February, 1918. Why am I so sure? I ought to be, for I received and issued the stuff from our railhead in Soissons.

A lot of smoke has run up the chimney since then, and other soldiers are in France again today, fighting for what we thought in 1919 was won for us permanently. On the other side of the Maginot Line though, their lot is much worse, poor souls, they are even worse off than their fathers were at the same place in our day. We can hardly hate them for it, we rather pity such unfortunate creatures who live such a life of fear, utter slavery and purges.

Here we are, most of us well married and with children, in many cases about the age we were then. Are we going to permit them to suffer as we did? If not, we'd better keep our eyes and ears open so as to forestall any such occurrence. Most of us are somewhat broken physically, but with a decent job, freedom and contentment prevailing as it does, we have much to be thankful for.

Let us therefore remember this Christmas as one outstanding in our lives, when compared to our lot of 22 years ago and to the less fortunate struggling in Europe today.

To a war-torn world across the seas the true meaning of Christmas, we wish, would reach each heart and find the real spirit of "Peace on Earth — Good Will to Men."

LEON F. DENIS, (Ex-104th Inf., AEF)
Past President, YD Club of Honolulu.

ACTING SECRETARY'S VISITATIONS

On the 4th of November along with a couple of ton of other overweight YD Bohunks, left Boston for the National Executive Meeting in Hartford. After the meeting attended the Testimonial Dinner to Past Commander MILLER at the City Club and after a wonderful party for ED had a few hours' sleep and started about noon on Sunday for the Mass. State Department Meet-in Fitchburg. It never rained harder than it did all the way to Worcester and with the installation of a new Chapter in Foxboro scheduled for the evening, we decided when we arrived in Worcester to call Fitchburg and make our excuses for being absent and go on to Foxboro.

After a couple of hours of cross country driving we arrived in Foxboro and located JOE DEAN, the Commander-elect. The meeting was in the Community House in East Foxboro and by the time it was ready to start there were over

one hundred present on one of the worst nights of the year.

Commander APPLEBY installed the new Chapter. National Commander O'LEARY arrived from Hartford by way of Fitchburg and said a few words of greeting as he had to go to another meeting in Pawtucket. National Judge Advocate HAROLD SMITH gave a very interesting address on YD affairs. All the different veterans' posts of the town and the surrounding towns were present. After the meeting refreshments were served and an enjoyable night was had by all.

The North Reading Chapter was installed on Friday evening, November 17th at the Memorial Hall in North Reading with an attendance of over one hundred. Department Commander APPLEBY did the installing assisted by his Sgt.-at-Arms, JIM SULLIVAN. Charter was presented by the Acting Secretary.

After the ceremonies were finished a floor show was put on and dancing and refreshments were served. About fifteen new members were signed up during the evening, so with a membership of over 25 this new Chapter has started with a bang.

Saturday evening, the YD Club of Boston had a table at the Testimonial Dinner given in honor of General DANIEL NEEDHAM the retiring Commander of the 26th Division.

Sunday with FRANK SPOONER, I attended the State Department Meeting of New Hampshire at Nashua. Arriving a little late was surprised with the attendance. Ninty-three out of a possible 250 in the Department. It was a little convention of New Hampshire YDVA members. GENE DUGAS, the hard working Commander of the Department, does a great job and with the assistance of a few speakers had a meeting that anyone should be proud of attending. Arrangements had been made for the National Commander to visit Maine and BILL LOVE did a great job in getting a good crowd together on Saturday night at the Elm Hotel in Auburn, and in spite of the pouring rain there were over fifty present. Driving about 85 miles to meet us at the Station in Portland and then driving us to Auburn. We were an hour on the air. Our National Commander had his speech all written beforehand, but yours truly did not know he had to say something so was not prepared. It was probably best too, because he would have probably made a mess of it. As it was, it was hard to stop after getting going. After the dinner we visited the Androscoggin Valley Chapter and after a very pleasant evening retired to our hotel. BILL LOVE, after driving 48 miles home and the same distance back, picked us up and we returned to Portland to a very small but lively meeting with the Cumberland County members. We had a round-robin discussion on what is wrong with the YD in Portland and hope that some suggestion may come out of it so that a large Chapter can be enjoyed in Portland once more.

This is just the outside duties of a Secretary and does not include for instance this week: Monday — Board of Governors meeting. Tuesday — Ball Committee meeting. Wednesday — Penny Sale of the Post. Thursday — Convention Corporation meeting. Friday and Saturday, just trying to catch up with back work.

The North Reading Chapter is the "Baby" Chapter at present but BILL LOVE told us that Waterville, Maine, has already signed up the quota of members for a charter and expects at least two more Chapters within the next month or so in Maine.

We have written to Philadelphia, Pittsburg and SanFrancisco and expect replies from all three of these cities very soon and hope that in the next issue of DOINGS to announce a new Chapter in each of these three cities. Also had word from FRED FLAHAVAN that he has contacted Toledo and is in hopes of starting a Chapter there at once.

— H. GUY WATTS,
Acting Secretary.

Get a New Member for 1940

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: Jerry D. O'Leary, Nat. Park Service, Escoheag, R. I.
National Secretary: Philip N. Sanborn, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: William E. Love, Box 563, Farmington, Maine.
Dep't. Secretary: Rex W. Parsons, Box 684, Farmington, Maine.

ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY CHAPTER

Lewiston - Auburn

Commander: J. Fred Shaw
5 Vale St., Lewiston, Me.
Secretary: William E. Roach
112 College St., Lewiston, Me.

Regular meeting held at our club rooms on Friday night, Nov. 17th. Sec. ROACH reported having seen Dept. Commander LOVE at Farmington and that Nat. Commander O'LEARY and Acting Secretary GUY WATTS were planning an official visit with our chapter on Saturday night, Dec. 2nd.

Dept. Historian THOMAS reported that plans were being made to have two indoor baseball leagues in Lewiston and Auburn this season with a play off for the Twin City championship.

Again methods for increasing our membership and raising money for our chapter were hashed over. On the subject of new members, personally we don't like the idea of getting two dollars out of a man at this time in our fiscal year on account of the bargain fifteen months' membership being only about a month away, presuming of course, that past precedent will again be in order this year.

Plans were completed today for a banquet in honor of our visiting National Officers on Saturday night, Dec. 2nd. This will be held at the Silver Slipper Night Club in Auburn, starting at 7.30 P. M. Tickets are out at a buck a copy, which covers the feed and floor show and all YD men for miles around are being urged to attend.

Glad to hear that good old PHIL SANBORN is home from the "Hospice" and would be more than glad if he felt able to be with us on Dec. 2nd.

— BILL ROACH, Sec.

Portland Paragraphs

Our Snoop and Sneak Squad reports:

That CHARLES MILLER, of South Portland, was nominated as President of the South Portland Constabulary, a Legion Unit of the Post of the place.

That on November 11th the spirit of the occasion was present with some of the celebrants. There was more on the sidewalk than in the parade.

That HERBERT THEARIAULT, 101st T. M. Batt., died in Westbrook, about September 15th, age 53.

That FRANCIS BRYDON, Sr. Vice Commander of the local post of the D.A.V.'s lives at 45 Quebec St. and has worked in the A. and P. Bakery for the past 10 years. He was in Co. K, 102nd Inf.

That HAROLD W. POST, Co. B, 101st Inf., lives in Westbrook and works at the S. B. Warren Co.

That after six weeks in bed and on his back at that, CLIFF BRUNS, L Co., 103rd Inf., is able to sit up. He is at the Maine Eye and Ear Hospital, Portland. Why not send him a card?

That RAYMOND PINKHAM, a former member of the Portland gang, clique, or what have you, is an auditor for a Bangor firm and lives on a farm in East Holden. 101st Eng. is his outfit.

That General GREENLAW of Augusta has announced that he will be a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives.

That HARRY PORTER of Yarmouth is the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

That whatever is said here is the personal opinions of the writer and not those of the Cumberland County Chapter.

— MINNIE LA TOUR.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Eugene Dugas, 72 Elm St., Manchester, N. H.
Dep't. Secretary: Leon N. Magee, 68 So. Main St., Penacook, N. H.

The regular monthly meeting of the Department of New Hampshire was held in Nashua at the Veterans Hall on Sunday, November 18th.

The meeting was opened by Department Commander DUGAS. Prayer offered by Acting Chaplain GUSTAFSON of Nashua.

There were 93 YD members present and we boast that if any other Department can get that many together out of a total of 261, (35%) they are assured of good comradeship. After the regular business was transacted the following guests who were present were called upon:

George Gay, Commander of the G. A. R.; Charles Rigney, Commander of the Spanish War Veterans; George Benjamin, Commander of the V. F. W.; Clyde Raby, Member of the Board of Public Works of Nashua. ELIOT CARTER, National Americanism Officer of the Y.D.V.A.; FRANK SPOONER of the Boston Chapter, President of the Clean All Co., of Somerville. And last but not least was GUY WATTS who gave us a report on PHIL SANBORN our National Secretary, which everyone was waiting for. GUY also gave us a lot of good information that if carried out will be a big help to the Department of New Hampshire.

After the meeting a wonderful supper was served by the Nashua Chapter and a wonderful time was enjoyed until late in the evening.

— LEON N. MAGEE, Sec.

Open letter to the members of the Department of New Hampshire:

To the members of the Department of New Hampshire, my sincere thanks for the splendid co-operation given me for the first six months of my second term of office as Department Commander. Our meetings have been very well attended. The spirit has been great, but the membership is lacking. The Department should have five hundred members before the end of the fiscal year. So won't you please, under the new plan do all you can to help to reach our quota. I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every member of this Association a most joyous Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

From one who thinks a lot of the Y.D.V.A.

— GENE DUGAS.

MANCHESTER
Commander: Martin P. Holleran
46 Elm Ave., Manchester, N. H.
Secretary: Walter J. Boardman
29 Manning St., Manchester, N. H.

The regular meeting of Manchester Chapter was held Wednesday evening, November 15th with about 25 members attending. We had looked forward to a much larger turnout as it was our last chance to personally meet and select our Ball committee. The ball is to take place Thanksgiving night, November 30th.

The meeting itself was peppy, and the business over, a fine lunch was put on by our Commander HOLLERAN assisted by DANA CHENEY and ARCHIE VIGNEAULT. The ball committee chosen is as follows: Gen. Chairman, MARTIN HOLLERAN; Treasurer, ARCHIE VIGNEAULT; Tickets, LEON TARBELL, TOM FITZGERALD and ED ST. JEAN; Music, WILLIAM J. SAYERS, WILLIAM BROOKS, JOE DONNELLY; Box Office, EUGENE DUGAS, ELI MONTMIMY, ARMAND MONTMIMY; Reception, Dr. FORREST DRURY, JOHN DUNLAP, FRANK LAWTON, Decorations, ARCHIE VIGNEAULT, JOHN GRADY, JOHN BLIDBERG; Memorial Service, JOHN TAYLOR, FRANCIS P. HAYES, ARTHUR GILMORE. — W. J. BOARDMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Dep't. Commander: Joseph G. Abair, 8 Hubbard St., Montpelier, Vt.

A few days ago, shortly after our office was transferred from Montpelier to Rutland, I dropped into W. C. Landon & Co., wholesalers in hardware to get quotations on supplies. I received one of the surprises of my young life. I thought I was back in the army again for I ran into a bunch of YD men. So I said to myself this will make a good article for YANKEE DOINGS. Here is the story on this gang from Landon's.

W. C. Landon & Co. are wholesale dealers in hardware and one of the oldest dealers in Vermont and one of the best in the country as for credit and what goes with the name of famous business men. I looked up when the firm started in business and found that it was in 1862. Mr.

Charles H. Landon who is 77 is still active and is at his desk everyday. This is quite a record when you look it over, as Mr. Landon's father started the business and he has carried on ever since, through several depressions and several wars.

E. J. PERRY (Ned), Rutland Vt., Co. C, 102nd Machine Gun, Private, who is secretary of the company and has been with the Landon Co. since his return from France. Married and has a daughter, 15. He is a little shrimp, like myself, and weighs about 140. Back in the old days he would stay with the best of them in hiking and the duties of a soldier.

R. E. (Ray) COLLINS, private, E Co., 101st Amm. Train, the horse section, where they have real men. Ha! Ha! that's my old outfit only it was F Co., the gang with the black horses. Ray was with Thompson & Hoag of Concord, N. H. in 1922, and moved to Rutland, started in with Landon & Co. Re-enlisted in the National Guard and now is commanding officer, Headquarters Co., 1st Vt. Battalion, of the Vermont regiment. Commander of Rutland Chapter, YDVA. He has a son and daughter.

WILLIAM (Bill) WOODBURY, private, Hqtrs. Co., 102nd Mach. Gun Bat. Has been with the company since the war and lived in Rutland. Has a daughter 15. Mrs. Woodbury is very ill, has had two operations in Boston. Best wishes to her for a speedy recovery. Bill is Secretary, Rutland Chapter, YDVA. and a good one. He is a worker, wished they had more like him in Rutland.

My next victim is B. M. (Marsh) WHELDON, private, Hqtrs. Co., 102nd Mach. Gun. All these boys served since the formation of the 26th Division. Marsh went back to school after the war and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1921. After graduation he went to New York for three years to see the lights of Broadway, hadn't he seen enough of Paree? Returned to Rutland in 1924 and started in with Landon & Co. and has been with them since. Keep this quiet, I think he has a lot to say as to what goes. I forgot to mention this: He said he wouldn't trade an acre of Vermont for the whole of Manhattan, how is that. Marsh is a Past Commander of Rutland Chapter, YDVA.

He has a boy 15 and a chip off the old block. Marsh is still active in Rutland Chapter.

Now for the rest of the State. Have sent out letters asking the members if they would like a State Meeting, am sorry to say I have not heard a damn word. I do not know what is the trouble. Maybe it's the same old story, a few get a few beers and then attend the meeting and shoot the bull and a lot of the fellows are filled up and will not attend.

I do know this, I will attend the next Rutland meeting and tell them a few things I have learned since I came to Rutland, there is a grand opportunity here to make Rutland one of the best chapters in the state, there are at least 75 YD men right around here, I run into them every day.

Give my regards to PHIL SANBORN and in behalf of this State we wish him a speedy recovery, I understand he is home now.

— JOSEPH G. ABAIR,
Dept. Commander.

RUTLAND

Commander: Raymond E. Collins
186 State St., Rutland, Vt.
Secretary: William Woodbury
109 No. Main St., Rutland, Vt.

Late as usual with my report but have a good reason. A regular meeting was held at the Armory, Nov. 9th, preceeded by an oyster stew supper, served by Commander COLLINS, NED PERRY, and BILL WOODBURY. The gang from Wallingford did not show up for this meeting and we wonder why?

FRED STONE was also A.W.O.L. DOLPH GHIO was late for this formation and will be put on some kind of detail later on. ART FOOTE told of what the Legion is doing for Armistice Day and we have the promise of two trucks to dress up for floats for the parade, and our committee composed of ART FOOTE, FRANK SHEDD and our zealous treasurer, CHAS REED.

Worked in complete harmony with the Rutland Post, Amer. Legion, and did a wonderful job with their arrangements. It was a difficult task because of the fact we were unable to arrange for a speaker and also the stores had voted to remain open. Soon one large hardware store which employes several ex-service men declared they would close all day and soon several others followed suit.

Well there were about 40 YD veterans showed up at Gen. EDWARDS' Monument where we held a short memorial service. At 11 A.M. the parade, the largest in Rutland in several years, started with three bands, the Legion drum corps, two companies of National Guard, Odd Fellows. The B.P.O.E. furnished a wonderful float as did the Legion and our own YD Chapter. The public service was held in the K. of C. gym with

Brig. Gen. Leonard Wing as speaker. The American Legion Auxiliary served dinner to all veterans.

Well I guess I have covered about all that took place, and once again we came through when Mr. John Q. Public asked for something on Armistice Day. — Bill Woodbury, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Austin F. Appleby, 333 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
Dep't. Secretary: Dennis J. Brunton, 42 Ranney St., Springfield, Mass.

State Meeting — Danvers — Dec. 3

The regular meeting of the State Department of Mass. was held in Danvers on Sunday, December 3rd. A very good representation was present and Harold Williams put on a very good feed as usual.

The next meeting will be held at Worcester on the first Sunday of January. The February meeting will be at Haverhill.

BEVERLY

Commander: Joseph H. Metcalfe
66c Bridge St., Beverly, Mass.
Secretary: George A. Bright
39 Eastern Ave., Beverly, Mass.

Still going along OK. The advent of cooler weather is starting to bring the old gang out again.

The first meeting of November brought out quite a gathering with a few new faces showing. Dr. Douglas Baker, our dentist, was present. If we had the YD spirit that Doug shows, believe me we would have some outfit. At this meeting plans were completed for our first annual banquet to be held on November 16th. More about that later. On Friday, November 10th, your scribe was delegated to attend Armistice services at the local High School but I just could not seem to get out of bed so early in the morning, so fell down on the job. Saturday, being the 11th, Armistice Day, we had quite a gang show up for the parade and exercises at Wardell Park. We followed the same procedure as we did on Memorial Day by massing our colors with the American Legion and marching in the rear of this organization as the guests of Chief Marshal John O'Shea of the VFW. On Sunday, Nov. 12th, about 12 members of the chapter attended the Armistice Day exercises conducted by the Men's Club of the Rial Side Immanuel Church. Members of the other military organizations also attended, but I believe there were more members of the YDVA than of any other outfit.

On the 16th of November we held our first annual banquet and get-together. About 30 members and their wives showed up. After waiting about half an hour for our State Commander and (cowboy) Jim Sullivan to show up we sat down to supper. The supper was scheduled to start at 7.00 P.M. At 8.00 P.M. Austin and Jim showed up and were asked what kept them. They showed their tickets which said 8.00 P.M. Evidently the committee got their wires crossed. However Austin and Jim (and their wives) were fast eaters because they caught up with us and then everything went off fine.

Our toastmaster for the evening was the Honorable James McPherson, our wartime Mayor and our only Honorary member of the chapter. He did a swell job. After introducing the invited guests he called upon our State Commander to say a few words. Jim (cowboy) Sullivan was called upon to say a few words and he did. It did not take him long, but what he did say came right from his heart and had that old YD spirit behind it.

The feed was swell, the few speeches that were made were right to the point, but when it came time for the movies that were to be shown by the Esso Gasoline Co. — well they just didn't show up — so we had to spend the rest of the evening arguing as to who really won the war. The Infantry, Engineers, the 103rd F.A., or the 101st F.A. I think before the evening was over everybody agreed that old F Battery of the 101st really did win the guerre. We happened to have more representatives than any other outfit, so that's why we won out.

At this time I would like to extend a word of thanks to Mrs. Ruth Seiberg for the Beverly Chapter for being our pianist for the evening. It seems that every time we get stuck for some kind of entertainment, Ruth is always ready to step in and help the old YD out. Thanks a lot Ruth.

On Friday, the 17th of November, a few of our members attended the installation of the new No. Reading Chapter. Welcome to our

fold North Reading and if the Beverly Chapter can be of any assistance to you, do not be bashful to ask for it.

On Monday, November 20th, the members of the chapter were guests of the Sons of the Union Veterans. About six members attended and all report having a fine time.

On November 23rd we had a very interesting meeting. Plans were made for raffling a turkey for Xmas, the money to be used for the welfare of our members who are in need.

We also have other plans on the fire such as a military whist party; a lobster stew at the Jubilee Yacht Club sometime in January; also Joke Christmas tree for the kiddies.

We had the pleasure of entertaining the Commander, Secretary and Sgt.-at-Arms of the new No. Reading Chapter.

Very sorry to report that BUD FISHER, one of our chapter members, has asked to be transferred to the Lynn chapter as it is nearer to his home.

FRANK DUPEE is still confined to the Beverly Hospital and seems to be improving. BYRON HANSON is still at the Chelsea Soldiers Home and would be glad to hear from any of the gang at any time. Glad to hear that PHIL is back home and hope we will see him soon.

— JOE BRIGHT.

BOSTON

Commander: Benjamin James
88 Broad St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

By the time this issue is out the Annual Ball of the YD Club of Boston will be gone but not forgotten. AL BARNARD is doing his usual wonderful job as Chairman of the Committee. Our tickets and notices have been sent out and we are getting publicity in the papers every week.

The Monthly Smoker, held on the 16th of November, was an outstanding success and anyone that missed it, missed the best Smoker of the year. Major Edwin Cooper spent all last summer in Finland taking pictures of that country and according to the reports of all who saw them, they were the most interesting pictures ever shown at the Club. The Membership Prize is beginning to build up again, this is the second month that it has not been taken.

Last month's cover of DOINGS was really the start of the Convention, as the papers were filed for the Convention Corporation. Meetings are to be held regularly from now on and with all the work to be done, we hope that everyone will pitch in and help.

Have you seen our Trophy Room. It is something to see and spend as long as you have time for looking over the wonderful pictures which are so familiar to our memories.

The YD Club in conjunction with the YD Post will run a New Year's Party at the Clubhouse on New Year's eve. Those who attended last year remember what a wonderful time was had by all. The reservations are limited so make them early.

YD POST NO. 290 AMERICAN LEGION

The Post had its regular meeting on the second Monday of November. About fifty members were present. It was the first meeting of the new Officers and a good showing. An extra large crowd were present at the Turkey Beano and a good profit was turned over to the Post. At Thanksgiving, our Welfare officer gave out about 17 baskets. Plans are being made to run an entertainment for the Post once a month. Next September is the National Convention month and the Post should have a fund to help entertain visiting YD men from out of town.

This should be the best year that the Post has had since it was formed and attendance at meetings is greatly desired. Why not mark the second Monday in each month on your calendar to be at the meetings.

The Post Auxiliary are building up their Bridge and Whist parties that they are holding every Tuesday evening at the Club. A good place to spend an evening with plenty of prizes for all.

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: Clarence W. Geer
60 Olsen Court, Bridgeport, Conn.
Secretary: Leslie R. Barlow
39 Woodmont Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

RADIO PROGRAM FOR TODAY
STATION X.A.E.F. (1917 Meters)

1. Steel and iron reports by Straff M. Hindenburg.
2. Selection by the "Whiz Bang" Orchestra (88 pieces).
3. Lessons in English by A. Muel. Skinner.
4. Reading "In the Seams" by K. P. Buck.
5. Selections by Mail Quartette —
   Martin Bombers, G. I. Kanze, H. O. Witzer, T. E. Tanus.
   (a) "Everything is coming down but the stars."
   (b) "Where do we go from here, boys?"
   Pianist, Roland M. Bones.

6. Duet "Evening Mail" by the Gazz Sisters (Chlorine and Phosgene).

We wish to announce that any static noted in this, our premier concert, is caused by sparks from our operator, Mr. Fuller P. Nard, who is having trouble through Station C.O.O.T.S.

For the benefit of those who have not listened in on our entire program, this is Station X.A.E.F., C. C. Pils announcing. At the sound of the bugle it will be exactly "Mess time." Listen in again in say about 1939 for a great "Second Act," entitled "The Great Moral Throwback."

— Same Old Dick.

FOXBORO

Commander: Joseph P. Dean
10 Coccaset St., Foxboro, Mass.

Secretary: Roland G. Hoogerzeil
6 Davis St., Foxboro, Mass.

Hi — again Yanks. Can't give you much meeting news this month but will try and spill a little dope about some of the gang.

Our Commander Joe Dean is in the Mass. General Hospital. Foxboro (Joe is Police Chief) has been having trouble with dogs suspected of being rabid. I understand part of Joe's job was to cut off the heads (after dogs were shot) and send them away for analysis. It seems that the innoculations that they gave Joe as a preventive did an awful job on him and now he is a pretty sick man.

Sr. V. Commander George Cooper is a welder at the Readville Car shops.

Glenroy Cook is an attendant at Foxboro State Hospital.

William Warley is Commander of Phillips-Welch Post, VFW, and is working at Lewis Co., in Walpole.

Fred Knight is a foundryman at Framingham.

Roland Hoogerzeil working as a machinist at Bird Machine Co., in So. Walpole.

Ervin Lane is a carpenter at Foxboro Service Co. Albert Knox is also a carpenter at East Foxboro.

Walter Parshley is retired and is soon to go to Mass. General for an eye operation. I'll try and get the dope on the rest of the boys and spill it next month.

— Roland Hoogerzeil.

HAVERHILL

Commander: Harry P. Pluff
14 Maple St., Haverhill, Mass.
Secretary: Elmer C. Eaton
Box 93, Ward Hill, Mass.

Our meetings are held as usual on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Nov. 7th was a special meeting night with all service men invited. After the meeting there were moving pictures shown by State Commander Appleby and his aide. There were several musical and vocal selections and a tap dance. Commander Appleby felt peppy that night and he gave an exhibition dance with Miss Mary E. Pluff. Lunch was served after the entertainment which was enjoyed by all.

Armistice Day found the YD represented strong in the parade with the Auxiliary riding in cars. There was a covered dish dinner after the parade put on by the Auxiliary at the "Dug-out." Oh, Boy! what a dinner, the YD women sure do know how to cook.

The Auxiliary have started their whist parties with Mrs. Lerah Wightman as chairman. Comrade Wightman and his wife ran the whist parties last year with financial success, as no one but an artillery man could do.

The Auxiliary held a turkey raffle, Nov. 27, with Comrade Leo Murphy being the lucky winner. The Chapter is giving away 10 turkeys to the lucky persons for Christmas.

Nomination of officers was held Nov. 28, and nominations are still open until next meeting.

— Sec. Elmer Eaton.

LOWELL

Commander: Royal K. Hayes
75 Merrimack St., Lowell, Mass.
Secretary: Quincy B. Park
119 Viola St., Lowell, Mass.

National Judge Advocate Harold J. Smith was the guest speaker at our regular meeting held Tuesday evening, November 7th in our quarters in the Memorial Auditorium.

The Judge Advocate cited the unpreparedness under which our nation is suffering at the present moment and said that we should first look to our own defenses before selling arms and munitions to other nations. He attacked many of our higher institutions of learning for fostering lectures by men of the type of Earl Browder, head of the Communist party in this country, who he said were, "wholly against our present form of government and could contribute nothing

to the general welfare of the American public." He cited the fact that Browder and his cohorts are making the most of the fact that he is now out on bail and is lecturing at colleges in an effort to make himself a martyr of the Communist party. Judge Advocate SMITH praised the stand taken by Harvard College officials in not allowing Browder to use any of the College halls for his speeches.

The principal item of business transacted at this meeting was the appointment of a banquet committee for our annual banquet which will be held on the evening of February 21st. The members feel it advisable to hold the banquet on a date that will give them a chance to recuperate the following day. (I wonder why.) The following named members were appointed to serve on the Committee and are to report their progress at our next meeting: RUSSELL STACK, WILLARD SYMMES, EUGENE RICARD, JOE RHEAULT, JOHN J. O'ROURKE, LOUIS RENAUD.

Comrade WILFRED DUPRAS was reported confined at the Rutland Hospital. The Chaplain was instructed to send him a card and our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Comrade ARTHUR CASHIN was to show movies of some of his recent hunting and fishing trip through Maine and New Brunswick but was unable to attend due to a bad cold. We are glad to report he is well again and will show his pictures at a later date.

Preceding the meeting the usual Dutch Treat Supper was served at Page's Restaurant.

On November 9th our Chapter was invited to be the guests of the Boston YD Club at a showing of Howard Cooper's movies of Finland. These pictures were taken by Cooper as propaganda for the anticipated Olympic games to be held there. The pictures were excellent and all who attended were surprised that Finland was such a beautiful country. Lowell Chapter members who attended were Commander ROYAL K. HAYES, ARTHUR CASHIN, JOSEPH RHEAULT, NEREE TURGEON, GENE RICARD, ED. ROBEY, LOUIS RENAUD, JOE LEMIRE, CLARENCE HILDRETH, and your Secretary, QUINCY B. PARK.

Two of our life members, DORAN LYONS and WILLARD SYMMES also attended and were introduced by BEN JAMES and given a good hand by the crowd.

Prior to our arrival at the Boston Clubhouse we all met at the Minerva Hotel where a Dutch Treat Supper was served. We had the pleasure of seeing the floor show while we ate. Some of our gang enjoyed the floor show so much that they insisted on going in again after the affair at the Club was over to see the show again. Our good friend HAROLD SMITH provided the "Cheer", which was all any cared for after the lunch served by the Club.

— QUINCY B. PARK,
Secretary.

LYNN

Commander: Michael Garofano
26 Waterhill St., Lynn, Mass.
Secretary: Earl Bailey
77 Kensington Lane, Swampscott, Mass.

The big month has passed by and plenty of activities went over with a bang. First of all, our second issue of "The Barrage," was bigger and better than ever. CARL RUDDOCK sure knows his stuff and has added a live wire as his assistant in Sergeant LEON DENIS. LEON has just left Uncle Sam's Army after 20 years' service and Lynn Chapter is the fortunate one in gaining his spirit and ability.

Our 21st Annual Armistice Banquet was better than ever and under LEON VARNAM's leadership went over with a bang. His able assistants were EUSTIS GRIMES, CHARLES SCANLON, RUDY HELTYE, WALTER SMITH, JOHN SULLIVAN and others too numerous to mention. Our own popular member, Congressman LARRY CONNERY was the featured speaker and was well received as usual. National Commander JERRY O'LEARY did a fine job telling of the rapid growth in membership and in turn was presented a beautiful plaque from the Lynn gang. State Commander AUSTIN APPLEBY made his best speech of the year. Others at the headtable who spoke were P.N.C. RAY DOUCETTE, who gave a 15-minute talk in 2 minutes, J.V.C. PERLEY KNIGHT, S.V.C. WALTER SMITH, State Vice Com. JOHN SULLIVAN, and last but not least our own Commander MICHAEL GAROFANO, who welcomed the guests and all present.

Then the ladies did their stuff. Mrs. Leon Varnam, our able Auxiliary President, stepped forward and what do you think, yes sir, she presented in behalf of the auxiliary a new set of beautiful colors to the Chapter. They are wonderful, and they just stunned the boys, thanks a lot, girls.

Fitting ceremonies covered above events and very impressive memorial services were conducted by the banquet chairman assisted by Comrades TRECARTIN, W. SMITH, WARREN, Com. GAROFANO and P. KNIGHT.

A fine entertainment closed the banquet and

then the old timers or after it started, I might say, the 1918 jitterbugs sure nuff did their stuff until the hour of midnight struck. The noisiest soldiers present were the musketeers — "Kid" O'Connell, "Cupie" Maxwell, "Little Joe" Jackman, "Cognac" Marchand, and "Clark Gable" Wallace, and they presented the usual empty bottle to Mussolini to place in his Chateau Thierry den.

Over 200 attended and the ladies looked just gorgeous with their beautiful gowns and bright lips. I almost forgot the director of the above show but let me tell you folks, he did a masterful job of it, the Ringmaster, yes sir, our champion parliamentarian, Toastmaster Carl Ruddock, who made the 104th men present, proud of an Infantryman's ability. Some may have been forgotten in the rush but it would take ten pages to cover complete story.

On November 11th the biggest Armistice Parade was held in this fair city, since 1919. Lynn Chapter took a prominent part and had over 100 in line led by the YD Juniors of Boston who did a swell job. Thanks "Jim" and the gang. Ray Doucette was Chief of Staff and Eustis Grimes was a member of the staff. A fine dinner was served to all after the parade at our own quarters and again we thank the ladies, especially Christine Heftye and that champion money saver, Ethel Dunning.

The Drill Team is being reorganized, YD Juniors are to be formed, Veterans Council is going bigger than ever, Claude Hoag is the best chef in these here parts, our finances are growing, especially the Trust Fund, poker games are popular, next to cribbage, and all in all, things are going great down here in Lynn.

We held our monthly smoker on November 28th with Professor Judokas Van den Noort as guest speaker. He gave a splendid talk on the European situation and knows his subject well. Over 200 were present and a fine lunch was served.

Local members confined at Chelsea Soldiers Hospital are Harrison Morton, Alfred Hyatt, William Goodwin and at Chelsea Naval — James Pool and Francis Cassidy. Drop them a line and cheer them up.

The second Tuesday of each month has been turned over for Cribbage and other games and each Chapter in Essex County will be invited to try and beat Lynn. The local Legion and V.F.W. posts will also be challenged, so a busy season is in the making. "Dynamite" Willis Harvey, Herbie "Hood" Coulman, Eustis "Bunny" Grimes and Mussolini head this committee.

We are continuing our fight on Communism and recently Commander Garofano, Colonel Harry Silsbee and the writer spoke at City Hall against all "isms" and in favor of the adoption of the R.O.T.C. in our local High Schools.

— Ray Doucette.

NORTH READING

Commander: Albert C. Maxwell
15 Gardner Rd., Reading, Mass.
Secretary: Thomas H. Campbell
11 Wilson St., Reading, Mass.

Greetings Comrades — and how about moving over and making room for the very latest stream lined Chapter of the Y.D.V.A. Yes sir, the new North Reading Chapter became a reality on Friday night, Nov, 17, 1939.

The weather was ideal (Foxboro take notice). Maybe it is because we live right here in Reading, or is it? However, a gathering of approximately 125, including veterans and friends were on hand for the installation, held in Flint Memorial Hall, North Reading.

It was an enthusiastic crowd of YD Vets, for we have waited a long time to have a Y.D.V.A. Chapter within easy riding distance of our homes. With us, to officiate at the installation, were three of the grandest fellows ever — Dept. Commander Austin Appleby, Acting National Secretary Guy Watts, and Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms Jim Sullivan, and boys aren't they comfortable looking gents.

The newly elected officers were duly installed as follows: Albert C. Maxwell, Commander; Harry R. Hobbie, Vice Commander; Thomas H. Campbell, Secretary; Leon A. Blanchard, Treasurer; James F. O'Rouke, Sgt.-at-Arms; Graham Quinn, Chaplain.

Commander Maxwell introduced several interesting speakers, including Dept. Commander Austin F. Appleby, Acting National Secretary Guy Watts, Nat. Executive Committeeman and Past Commander of the Beverly Chapter Frank Smith, Joe Dean, Commander of the new Foxboro Chapter and Comrade Carl Goodrich, Chairman of the Reading Board of Selectmen, and a member of our new Chapter.

At 9.15 the entertainment was turned over to Comrade Fred Mahn, who contributed his usual grand performance. He was ably assisted by Comrade Robert MacKenna, who is master at Wowing the crowd. Other acts were, a rather humorous sketch of three bathing beauties of

the "Gay Nineties," a xylophone solo rendered by a master, and some choice vocal selections.

At the end of the entertainment the members of the new Chapter signed the nicely framed register for all the Charter members, there names are as follows: ALBERT C. MAXWELL, HARRY R. HOBBIE, THOMAS H. CAMPBELL, LEON A. BLANCHARD, GRAHAM QUINN, JAMES F. O'ROUKE, ARTHUR M. CURLIN, JOSEPH S. CARDER, FREDERICK WINN, IRVING J. WHITE, HERBERT L. ROBINSON, FRED J. MAHN, PATRICK J. LONG, CHARLES W. H. SMITH, GEORGE A. MELANSON, JAMES I. MAXWELL, HARRY P. HEMEON, DUSTIN L. DOWNS, RICHARD W. HENDERSON, ALBERT J. DOUCETTE, GARDNER A. PERRY, WILFRED A. PRATT, THOMAS F. DOHERTY, CLARENCE L. THOMAS, DEMELLE G. GARRY, THOMAS TERRIS, JR., CARL W. GOODRICH.

The Orchestra was tops, so much so that a few of us old vets got the impression we were jitterbugs, much to the enjoyment of the onlookers, and the consternation of our respective wives, who for some reason have formed the opinion that the old-fashioned waltz and two-step are about as intricate a dance as we YD vets are capable of doing justice to. Who am I to say they are wrong, but it's a cinch they don't know their Golden Wedding.

The refreshments terminated an enjoyable evening.

Don't forget our next meeting to be held Wednesday, Dec. 13th, at the North Main St. Improvement Hall.

We are all proud to be members of the Y.D. V.A., keep your eyes on the North Reading Chapter, as we are going places in the future.

— THOMAS H. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

SALEM

Commander: Thomas J. Bannon
12 May St., Salem, Mass.
Secretary: Charles A. Laforme
33 Balcom St., Salem, Mass.

What has happened — We now have heat 24 hours a day in our Quarters. We have held meetings every Friday evening. We have had a successful raffle. We turned out Armistice Day with our Ladies' Auxiliary and made a fine showing. Just before the parade the ladies presented us with a brand new set of YD Colors, made by our own "Betsy Ross" Marie St. Pierre. Three cheers for the ladies.

What is happening — Our membership drive is started. S.V.C. ED. MCHUGH is chairman. Comm. BANNON is still giving his pep talks at the meetings. Senator "Blackie" ST. CHARLES is now giving the boys talks on Americanism at the meetings.

Here is something we learned by heart at the meetings: "Comm. BANNON to S.V.C. MCHUGH, Anything to report on Membership? MCHUGH, No report. — To J.V.C. WALSH, Anything to report on Service Work? S.V.C. WALSH, No report. — To Chaplain THIBAULT, Any report on Sickness? THIBAULT, Nobody sick. Comm. BANNON, What the heck is the matter with Youse Guys anyways."

Congratuations to Comrade JOHN STREET, he is a regular mailman now.

What is going to happen. — Monday evening, Dec. 4 our Ladies' Auxiliary is going to officially present us with the new YD Colors. There will be eats, drinks, entertainment, dancing, etc. All YD vets are invited. Three more cheers for the ladies.

Now that the Quarters are heated 24 hours a day we expect to start our monthly smoker. ED. CALHOUN stays at the meetings just long enough to make a motion to table the motion under discussion then he has to go, and when you have to go you got to go, says ED. Maybe if we served whipped cream pie after the meetings BRAND TOMKINS would attend more often.

The watch dog of the Treasury, THIBODEAU is smiling now, since the returns of the raffle he has more dough to watch. Sec. "Count" LAFORME has a sour look at times at the meetings, too many communications maybe.

Familiar sayings — J.V.C. WALSH: "I object a motion to adjourn is always in order." "Youse Guys" BANNON: "I'm running this meeting." S.V.C. MCHUGH: "Aww, pipe down."

— THIBAULT.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Thomas A. Dee
59 Maynard St., Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Roswell F. Patch
98 Alden St., Springfield, Mass.

We had one big social event in November and that was our Armistice Party. This was held November 11th at the Turn Verein in Springfield. The eats, music, entertainment and dancing were unexcelled. We are sorry indeed that more of our members did not attend this affair, for we feel that without exception it was the most elaborate party we have ever had. The committee was ably headed by JACK MEFFEN and his assistants were Comrades BETTER, VALENTINE, COONS and Ross. The novelty balloon and snow ball dances were very enjoyable.

We had a big parade here Armistice Day and many of our members turned out to parade.

We are all looking forward to our annual Christmas Party which will be held December 15th at the G. A. R. Hall. This is always a joint party given in conjunction with the Auxiliary. We expect Santa Claus will be there with plenty of lovely gifts for our children.

Our two regular meetings for December are scheduled as follows: December 8th at the Hotel Charles and December 18th at the G. A. R. Hall.

— ROSWELL F. PATCH.

YD AUXILIARY — SPRINGFIELD

After a long while we finally got back to business and we held our regular meeting Sept. 18th at the home of Mrs. Maley. Our October meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Beach. Both of these meetings were well attended and a delicious lunch was served after we adjourned.

Mrs. Coons opened her home for a Bridge and Whist party on the evening of October 8th and Mrs. Maley held a dessert bridge in her home October 26th. These parties proved very successful. We have a turkey raffle under way at this time, Mrs. Patch in charge.

In the last issue of DOINGS we read about the little World Series between the old YD Veterans and Post 207 American Legion, but they neglected to tell you about the cheering squad composed of members of our Auxiliary. You can believe us, with Mrs. Maley acting as official score keeper and Mrs. Coons with a loaded revolver, none of the opponents got any further than third base.

It is the Auxiliary's opinion that the old YD Veterans of Springfield are not as old as we thought they were.

Our regular monthly meeting was held Nov. 20th at the home of Mrs. Dee. We had an unusually large attendance and were very happy to welcome four new members. After the meeting we had a white elephant exchange and enjoyed a very nice luncheon served by our hostess. Our turkey raffle was a big success. The lucky winner was Evelyn Bately of 22 Norwood St.

Plans are now under way for our annual Christmas Party, which will be held in G.A.R. Hall, Friday, December 15th. Mrs. Maley is Chairman of this affair and will be assisted by Mrs. Beach, Mrs.. Coons, Mrs. Heber, and Mrs. Rush. We are also going to send baskets to needy YD families and cigarettes to the Veterans' Hospitals for Christmas.

We would like at this time to extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year to all YD Chapters and their auxiliaries and families.

WORCESTER

Commander: Herbert S. Buss
27 Englewood Ave., Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Ernest C. Parent

More than two hundred YD members and their friends attended the annual YD "Round-Up" which was held Nov. 28th in the Spanish War Vet's Quarters, Brewer Bldg., Past Commander HARRY BLOCK was master of ceremonies.

Among the invited guests were Comrade THOMAS WHITE, Past Dept. Treasurer THOS. F. CROKAN, Spfld.; Jos. O'MEARA, JOHN SMITH, PETER DANJONA, YD-ers from Westboro, Milford, Spencer, Auburn, Southbridge, Charlton were also present.

Prize winners included: FRED SHEPPARD, FRANK SAVAGE 2 turkeys, JOHN FOLEY, THOMAS WHITE, JOHN MORRISSEY 2 turkeys, TIMOTHY DAIGLE, JOHN SMITH, PETER DANJONA 2 turkeys, RAYMOND REYNOLDS, P.S.D.C. EDWIN J. NOYES, CHARLES D. WEBSTER, FRED A. JONES, CHARLES HANNON, WALTER MURPHY, EDWARD O'BRIEN, RAY CASSAVANT, CHARLES ST. MARTIN, JAMES KIERSTEAD 2 turkeys, WALTER SULLIVAN, HENRY ANDERSON, HAROLD SAUNDERS, GEORGE GAUMONT, (Batt. B, Ass'n. Pres.); LEONARD JOHNSON, E. BERT KANE, S. J. VOGLER, AUSTIN KENNEDY.

The following named winners whose names were drawn from the ticket barrel had their turkeys delivered to their respective homes by the Chapter Adjutant ERNIE PARENT, at the Chapter Commander's request: Mrs. Norris, Mrs. James Leigh, Mrs. Frank Savage, Mrs. Fred A. Jones, Miss Anita Leahey, Mrs. Charles Hannon, Sherman Oil Co., (Manager's surprise) Mrs. F. Dalrymple, Mrs. John Morrissey. Total number of turkeys given away to winners of the tickets drawn were twelve. Grand total number of birds — 35.

During the evening twenty-four pints of choice liquors which were purchased at the YD package store, operated by Comrade THOS. COURTNEY, were raffled and many of the winners came out with duplicates, same having been passed around among the boys who enjoyed the "Spirits" of the party.

Refreshments consisting of Brockert's Ale was on tap continuously, bar-keep Comrade E. BERT KANE never let up until the last glass was drawn,

all kinds of sandwiches, pickles, coffee, pastries were served buffet style.

Note of Comradeship — All the Brockert's Ale was contributed by Comrade WHITE.

Entertainment was furnished by Comrade GEORGE MCQUADE and TONY WONDOWSKI and his piano accordion, selections were greatly applauded by the listeners, tap dancing by GEORGE MCQUADE, many new steps were introduced.

Comrade EDDIE RACICOT was chief cook and his committee of twelve chapter members included: JAMES GREENHALGE, HILDING AHLQUIST, LEONARD JOHNSON, H. JUD FISH, EARL SAUNDERS, GREGOR SIMONIAN, JOHN MORRISSEY, THOS. MCCARTHY, OKE O'CLARE, BOB ROBINSON, E. BERT KANE.

Ticket committee was composed of: Chairman, P.C. HARR BLOCK, P.C. MICHAEL EARLY, Commander HERBERT S. BUSS, P.Dept.C. CLYDE O. ELLIOTT, ERNIE PARENT.

Several of those who were present volunteered to bring in a new member at the next regular meeting, a drive is now under way in charge of Senior Vice Commander FRED A. JONES.

P.C. HARRY BLOCK wishes to express his sincere thanks to all members who gave him such wonderful support in his YD Round-Up social. The next meeting of the Worcester chapter will be held on Dec. 21st. All YD-ers are welcome to attend this meeting and enjoy a good time.

— ERNEST C. PARENT,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Laurence H. Cook, 62 Malden St., Cranston, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Howard W. Hunt, 51 Star St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Apremont Chapter was host to the State Dept. meeting this month. The meeting was held in the American-British Hall on High St., Pawtucket, R. I. A much better representation of chapters was in evidence. Commander Cook opened the meeting at 3.00 P. M. 53 members present. All chapter Commanders gave very enthusiastic reports of their activities. The most outstanding event of the chapters in Rhode Island will be the formal presentation of colors to Apremont Chapter on Thursday evening, December 14th at 8.00 P. M. A swell program has been planned and all those who attend will be assured a grand time.

Our National Commander and his Sgt.-at-Arms were present at this meeting.

A lengthy discussion was held by several members on the feasibility of having more than three chapters in R. I. Some thought that the state wasn't big enough and that any more chapters would hurt the growth and activities of those already in existence. National Commander O'LEARY and Ass't. Nat. Secretary HUNT both spoke on what the possibilities were for more chapters. It is vitally necessary that we form as many chapters as we can. There are sufficient men around to form at least three more chapters. There is no reason why men should go to chapters in Conn. for membership.

Nat. Commander O'LEARY gave a most interesting talk on his visit to Washington, D. C., to place a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and also to take part in the dedication of a monument on the grave of General EDWARDS.

Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms PHIL MCKIERNAN speaking on the proviso under the amended Constitution and By-Laws of the YDVA which allows the naming of honorary or associate members urged each one to go back to his chapter and have them go on record as being against admitting any honorary or associate members to chapters in this or any other state.

Dept. Commander Wm. Hackett of the V.F.W. of Rhode Island spoke on the unrest in the world today and of the war in Europe and of what it might or might not mean to us if it lasts very long.

The entertainment of the afternoon was furnished by the Pawtucket Boys' Club Harmonica Band. They played a very varied repertoire of musical numbers. Vocal accompaniments were by members of the band. As usual, our charming hostess, Miss Ellen Knox closed the meeting by leading the audience in the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

PROVIDENCE

Commander: Henry W. McCarthy
12 George St., Providence, R. I.
Secretary: Howard W. Hunt
51 Star St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Second Annual Military Ball

The Second Annual Military Ball of Providence Chapter was held on Friday evening, November 4th in the grand ballroom of the

Providence Biltmore Hotel. More than 350 YD men with their wives, sweethearts and friends enjoyed a fine evening's entertainment. It was the most colorful event of the season, so far. The committee is to be congratulated upon its successful efforts. Hard working, Ass't. Nat. Secretary HOWARD W. HUNT deserves a great deal of credit and praise for his most able assistance and advice in seeing to it that the dance ran off smoothly. Guests were present from Conn., Mass., and Ohio.

Your reporter noted such important personages as Mayor John J. Collins and Mrs. Collins of Providence; Nat. Commander JERRY O'LEARY of Providence; Dept. Commander GARDINER HALL and Mrs. Hall of Willimantic, Conn.; Nat. Judge Advocate HAROLD SMITH of Boston; Chap. Commender BEN JAMES, Boston; Dept. Commander FRED FLAHAVAN and Mrs. Flahavan of Cleveland, Ohio; Chap. Commander JOHN MCGLOIN and Mrs. McGloin, Cleveland, Ohio; Dept. Commander GORDON T. MILLER and Mrs. Miller of the Dept. of R. I. Amer. Legion; Dept. Commander William Hackett and Mrs. Hackett, of the Dept. of R. I. V.F.W. and many others.

A program of entertainment headed by our lovely and adorable YD Hostess, Miss Ellen Knox, consisted of Billy Dodd, impersonator of famous dancers; Eddie Saccoccia, accordionist; Frances M. Berg, acrobatic specialties and Connie Smith, military tap dance. At 11.00 P. M. the usual one minute of silence was observed with taps and then the audience sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" led by "Our Ellen", closing the ceremony.

— MIKE.

Armistice Day

Providence Chapter showed its mettle on Armistice Day in the parade. Headed by Dept. Commander LARRY COOK and Ass't. Nat. Secretary HUNT and with the snappy YD Drum and Bugle Corps providing the music, over 250 YD men turned out and proudly strutted their stuff over a long line of march. Representatives were on hand from Apremont Chapter and Kent County chapter also. The R. I. YDVA., with their snappy uniforms, certainly created quite a lot of Ohs and Ahs as they stepped briskly along between the densely packed throngs of spectators. Rhode Island YDVA won the cup again this year for having the largest delegation in the parade. This is the third year in succession.

— BUNNY.

Providence Chapter Meeting

The regular meeting was held in the Harrison St. Armory, November 15th at 8.00 P. M. For some reason or other this meeting was very poorly attended. What's the matter, gang? Where's that old YD spirit gone to? Let's do better next month.

Reports were heard from chairmen of the Military Ball committee and the Viaduct committee.

A letter from Comrade WM. A. SOBAN announcing his resignation as Treasurer of the chapter because he couldn't devote the time he should to the office, was read and accepted with regrets.

Letter from Apremont Chapter inviting us to its formal presentation of colors on Thursday evening, December 14th, was read. It was voted to accept the invitation and as many as possible will attend.

Our genial, good natured and hard working YD pal, in the person of Comrade WALTER B. VICKERY was duly elected and installed as the Treasurer of Providence Chapter to fill the unexpired term of Comrade SOBAN. We are indeed, honored in getting a man of the calibre of WALTER B. VICKERY to serve as Treasurer.

A good bit of enthusiasm was stirred up by Nat. Commander O'LEARY when he talked on colors for the chapter. We should have our own and it's time we did. Arguments were heard pro and con with all sorts of propositions put forth. Commander MCCARTHY wanted a committee appointed to see what could be done about colors and report at the next meeting. JERRY insisted that now was the time to get going and he stated that he and PHIL MCKIERNAN (his bodyguard and pal) would appoint themselves a committee to go out and get money for the colors. So sure are they of their source of revenue that they immediately announced that the order would be placed at once for the colors. More power to you both! If more members of Providence Chapter would do half as much as these two comrades, what a swell outfit we would have. It can be done, if a lot of those fellows who just sit around and talk, would put their shoulder to the wheel and work once in a while.

Nat. Commander O'LEARY spoke of his attendance at the dedication of the monument on the grave of Major Gen. CLARENCE R. EDWARDS.

Ass't. Nat. Secretary HUNT gave a report on the testimonial dinner given to P.N.C. EDGAR F. MILLER at the City Club in Hartford, Conn.

— H. W. H.

KENT COUNTY CHAPTER

Commander: William Monti
Arnold Neck, West Warwick, R. I.
Secretary: Yvon Archambault
145 Washington St., West Warwick, R. I.

Kent County chapter held its meeting on November 22nd in Redmen's Hall, Arctic at 8.00 P. M.

We were honored by the presence of Nat. Commander JERRY O'LEARY, Ass't. Nat. Secretary HOWARD W. HUNT and Dept. Commander LARRY COOK. Each gave an interesting and inspiring talk.

Although we are only the "baby chapter" we pride ourselves with having added eleven new members already. We've set our goal for a membership of fifty by the time we have our State meeting in January. We will be the host to that meeting.

To the other two Rhode Island chapters we say, "Watch us grow! We'll show you fellows a thing or two or three at the State meeting Jan. 19, 1940."

Did you ever hear of a "Tie and Apron Party"? The lady makes a tie and apron of the same material, places the tie in a basket lunch and wears the apron. The lunch is auctioned off and the person getting the matching tie shares his lunch with the lady. Some Fun don't you think? Worth trying anyway. Be sure to be on hand for this party, December 3rd at 3.00 P. M. in Redmen's Hall, Arctic, R. I.

Sure enjoyed ourselves on the 19th at Pawtucket. Keep up the good work Buddies.

Regards to our Nat. Secretary PHIL SANBORN. A speedy recovery is our wish. Hope the comrades will send Major STOE a card. It will cheer him up as he is flat on his back.

— J. EDWARDS.

P.S. Kent County chapter will be host to the next State Dept. meeting to be held Sunday, January 21, 1940. The place will be Odd Fellows' Hall, School St., Crompton, R. I. Off R. I. Route No. 3. Meeting starts 2.30 P. M. Everybody out.

All three chapters in R. I. extend their sympathy and best wishes for a speedy recovery to:

BOB HAIGH, ill at Rutland Hospital, (Apremont); Major STOE, bedridden at home, (Kent County); BILL LALLY, ill at his home in N. Y., (Providence); PHIL SANBORN, ill at his home, (Boston); FRED GRANDCHAMP, convalescing, (Providence); CHARLES HAYMAN, ill at home, (Apremont).

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Gardiner H. Hall, 121 South St., Willimantic, Ct.
Dep't. Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith, 12 Trotter St., Manchester, Ct.

STATE MEETING
New Britain — November 12

Meeting was called to order in the State Armory at New Britain, Sunday, November 12th at 3.45 P. M. with SVC WILLIAM ALLEN presiding.

PSC CLYDE ELLIOTT of Massachusetts and PNC ED MILLER were escorted to the platform. Only 34 members representing 10 chapters were present.

Bridgeport furnished one of their members as grand marshal of the Armistice Day parade and the YD had a grand party that evening.

Hartford reported three divisions out of the four in the Armistice Day parade commanded by YD men and Col. MICHAEL CONNOR was grand marshal.

Manchester reports all bills paid on the Circus Revue and a small balance left. An active participation in a fine Armistice Day parade, followed by exercises at the Memorial Hospital.

New Britain reports a two team competition on membership drive to be followed by a dinner, the losers eating brown bread and beans, and the winners having turkey.

Stamford reports by mail that a World War dedication and parade prevented attendance.

Wallingford reports a big Armistice Day parade and World War dedication of which Governor Baldwin gave the main address and YD furnished grand marshal and all the aides and uniformed YDVA men from six chapters marched.

Willimantic reports Dr. KEATING was grand marshal of Armistice Day parade and there was a good turnout of YD men.

There were 999 as of Armistice Day, a gain of 45 during the month. Waterbury showing the largest gain with 12. New Britain turned in $8.00 with four applications filled out and signed.

Newington visitations have been arranged for chapters in accordance with instructions from Commander HALL. Hartford is assigned Dec.

Chaplain KEATING reports the death of ROBERT CROSSON of Winsted. Mayor ALCORN of

102nd Infantry, ALLIE BURKE of Company G, 102nd Infantry, and Epieds Chapter of Manchester furnished pall bearers at Comrade BURKE's funeral. The YD ritual was read.

PHILIP SANBORN has returned home from the Newington Hospital.

ARTHUR BUTCHER and ERNEST BORGHI are now at Newington. SAM MARCUS has left the New Haven Hospital and has gone to the Noroton Heights for further treatment. SAM's Bridgeport buddies gave him a chain telephone message.

Motion made by RAY KINCAID that the Connecticut Department go on record as favoring the retention of PHIL SANBORN as National Secretary as long as he is willing and able to carry on. Motion seconded and carried with instruction from the chair to notify National Headquarters.

PSC WM. THOMPSON moved that the Connecticut Department go on record as opposed to any further sending of blank copies of YANKEE DOINGS to YD men who have not paid their dues. Motion seconded by Captain GEAR and carried. Copy of motion to be forwarded to National Headquarters.

Waterbury invites Department to attend installation on Saturday, November 18th.

New London wins traveling gavel with five members present.

PSC CLYDE ELLIOTT brings greetings from Massachusetts. Speaking of the difficulties of finding satisfactory method to bring back old members, saying that Chapter Commanders are lax in attending executive meetings, spoke of the fine job JERRY O'LEARY is doing without recompense for his expenses, only the satisfaction of working for all of us in YDVA.

PNC ED MILLER said YD is healthy and busy, excusing his lateness with that of other members because they had attended a War Memorial service in Hartford before coming to the meeting. He congratulated New Britain Commander on their membership drive competition.

The reason for Commander HALL's absence was that he attended a dedication of "Daddy" EDWARD's monument in Arlington the day before as Governor Baldwin's representative.

December State Meeting at Ansonia.

January State Meeting at Hartford.

— CLYDE BECKWITH.

With the Christmas and New Year's holidays almost upon us as Dept. Commander and on behalf of all Dept. Officers I take the means of wishing all YD men in Conn. a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Also I wish to remind all Chapter Commanders not to let any member of their Chapter who may need aid go unnoticed. Display that flaming YD spirit which you have in abundance — that YD friendship which cements our organization so closely together — and last but not least always remember the Last Command of our beloved leader "Daddy" EDWARDS, "Carry On." What a great deal there really is in those two little words. Those words coming from a great leader who loved his men for what they really were and what they did, should be an inspiration to all of us to live up to the traditions of a really great division and to "Fight On" not only for ourselves but for the man who made these words famous.

We as YD men owe it to him — to our families and to ourselves to build this YD of ours up to a point where it will be impossible to look for more YD men to join up. You are positively not doing your duty to YD or to the "Old Man" unless you put forth every ounce of energy you have to make this your YD and mine the "Tops" and to make it such we want all YD men rich and poor, big and little on our rolls. It makes no difference in this outfit of ours whether a man be a "Big Shot" so called or a "Little Guy" or what his station in life may be for in YD we draw no distinction and neither do we want it. So to all, big and little, YD men, I ask you to get together during the coming year and put YD "Over the Top" after an objective of every available YD man in Conn. has been reached. We have never lost a foot of ground and we aren't going to now, not if you and you and you will stand shoulder to shoulder and pledge yourself to "Carry On" for the "Old Man." Here is a New Year's resolution for every man — I will faithfully and sincerely promise to get at least one new member at once. Thanks a Million and God Bless you all.

— G. H. H.

HARTFORD

Commander: John J. Costello
49 Wyllys St., Hartford, Conn.
Secretary: Paul J. Caravatt
483 Hillside Ave., Hartford, Conn.

Hartford Chapter, YDVA, did its share well in the Armistice Day observances, the Armistice Day parade with Col. MICHAEL A. CONNOR as parade marshal, Sergeant EDWARD L. DION, chief of staff. Among the honorary staff were, Brig.-Gen. EDWIN E. LAMB, Lieut.-Col. JAMES L. HOWARD, Commander JOHN J. COSTELLO, JR.

Vice Commander BENJAMIN A. BOURN, National Historian JOHN J. GOSS, Comrades EDWARD W. O'MEARA, EDWARD A. STILLMAN, EDWARD KENEFICK, RADCLIFFE M. HILLS, Lieut. JOSEPH P. FOLEY, Captain WILLIAM L. SULLIVAN.

The Escort Division consisting of units of the 169th Infantry Connecticut National Guard was commanded by Col. JOSEPH P. NOLAN, (YD).

The Civic Division was commanded by Major WILFRED H. DRESSER, (a booster of YD and one of the Daddys who put many of the boys through their stuff that made the 102nd the great outfit it was).

The veterans division was commanded by Past National Commander EDGAR F. MILLER, and there was the greatest turn out of veterans in many years. The Hartford Chapter, YDVA, was led by its Junior Drum Corps and it made a great impression which a picture appeared in the Sunday *Courant* on its front page the following day.

Armistice Day morning many attended the ceremonies at the Bushnell Memorial. The next day, Sunday, Armistice services were held at the Soldiers Field and YD was well represented.

Our Commander JOHNNY COSTELLO has been doing a very fine job in planning for meetings and other activities for the Chapter, but many members have seemed to fall by the way side. You should be well rested after the Convention and get back on the wagon again. There's another Convention coming this June in Boston, you remember that town we stopped at when we arrived from France. And the parade that made history for Boston. Well they want to see us again and I can assure you that it will be the best time you ever had in your life. Well before I try to tell all, I'll leave it to the Convention Committee up there and we'll get a Convention Club started that will be second to none.

Hartford will hold the January meeting of the State Department. You have just got to get excused from all other duties, and I know that friend wife will agree if you say its for the YD.

And again in February the anniversary dinner where you renew friendships of our entrance into the trenches. That night there will be no front line or black-outs.

Our Judge Advocate VINE R. PARMALEE is on the mend after several weeks of illness.

Among others who have taken up duties in the Federal Building are Atty. DENNIS O'CONNOR who has been appointed Asst. U. S. Attorney.

The reason for the lack of Hartford news in the past two issues was I tried to pass the buck due to other duties. But if you'll turn out for the meetings and get that friend back into the fold I'll do my share.

— JOHN J. GOSS.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: John T. Dillon
185 Upson Terrace, New Haven, Conn.
Secretary: Lester M. Bigelow
53 Fourth St., Hamden, Conn.

The incorporation of New Haven Chapter was reported as an accomplished fact at the first November meeting. Only about a baker's dozen attended the meeting which was held at Jacko's Grill. JACKO is an A-1 YD man and should have more business from his comrades.

Commander JOHN DILLON presided at the meeting and reported the launching of the membership drive. Teams headed by JOE SCHURK-CHARLIE GARDNER, LEN MALONEY-FRANK LEE, LES BIGELOW-BARNEY WYNNE and Commander DILLON-FRED HIRSCH have already swung into action. Contact will be made with all delinquents immediately.

Comrade NATE KIRSCHNER, treasurer of the Veterans' Chest Drive, presented the chapter with $25 as its share of the drive. The chapter also received through Senior Vice FRED HIRSCH a check for $80 as our profit on the blanket club. Returns for turkey tickets are coming in nicely as are also returns for the dinner dance being sponsored jointly by YD post of the Legion and the chapter. About 50 from the chapter are expected to attend.

The chapter turned out in fair numbers for the Armistice Day exercises on the Green. Commander DILLON placed a wreath on the War Memorial. Later a good crowd journeyed to Memorial Boulevard where a wreath was placed on the TIMMY AHEARN statue. Rev Father Affleck of St. Mary's Church was the principal speaker.

The chapter was represented at the World War Memorial dedication exercises at Wallingford, in which the Wallingford Chapter played an important part. BILL LORING was general chairman, ERIC HILLBOOM was parade marshal and BOB BRYSON was chief of staff. Governor Raymond E. Baldwin delivered a splendid dedicatory address. Also present were State Senior Vice BILLY ALLEN, State Secretary CLYDE BECKWITH, State Historian BERNDT BENTSEN, Past State Commander RAY KINCAID, Commander JOE KEENEY of New London and Past National Commander LEN MALONEY.

It is reported that LES BIGELOW has landed a good job in the local postoffice. TOMMY GLASSO and IRVING HAWKES are still in the Newington Vets' Hospital. ED LAUGHLIN, a railroad "dick", was injured recently by a freight car and is in New Haven Hospital. Ed has a broken collarbone among other things.

Has anybody noticed how faithfully BOB DUDLEY attends meetings — and STEVE BOMBOLISKI. And they come from a long distance.

The illness of Commander JACK DILLON found Senior Vice Commander FRED HIRSCH presiding at our last meeting in November. It was held at Jacko's Grille and the usual handful of the faithful were present. FRED HIRSCH's turkey awards, made in connection with the membership campaign made a big hit, but did not bring in many members. RAOUL FORREST and one of Commander DILLON's youngsters were among the winners.

The great success of the Armistice night dinner-dance sponsored jointly by the post and chapter prompted the boys to decide to join hands again on New Year's Eve. So look for another bang-up time. The two groups will also sponsor a Christmas party for the children.

LES BIGELOW, our hard-working secretary, has accepted a permanent job in Jim Farley's postoffice, which means we will likely have to get a new scribinier.

ED MCLAUGHLIN is convalescing nicely from an accident. IRVING HAWKES and TOM GLASSO are still at Newington. MIKE MCDERMOTT has the sincere sympathy of the chapter in the death of his wife.

— L. J. M.

NEW LONDON

Commander: Joseph F. Keeney,
67 Ocean Ave., New London, Conn.
Secretary: John M. O'Connor
455 Montauk Ave., New London, Conn.

New London Chapter, YDVA, held their regular meeting at the State Armory, Wednesday, Nov. 22nd. Twenty members were present including two new buddies, ERNEST MILLS (103rd Infantry), and HARRY HILL (104th Infantry).

We were honored with the presence of the state officers: GARDINER HALL, State Commander; BILL ALLEN, Sen. Vice Commander; EUCLIDE PIMPARE, Sgt.-at-Arms; Doc. KEATING, Chaplain. They all made brief talks which we all enjoyed.

The wives of some of the members volunteered to serve refreshments. Thus no one went home hungry.

New London recaptured the gavel at the New Britain State Meeting, Nov. 12th.

Glad to hear that BILL KNOX has recovered from his recent accident. Bill was injured in the eye, while chopping wood, at his home in Quaker Hill, Conn.

I see by the papers that the several veteran organizations in Keene, N. H., dedicated Hickey-Desilets Square, on Pearl and Winchester Sts., Keene, Armistice Day, Nov. 11th.

FRED HICKEY was in the first platoon of G Co., 103rd Inf., 26th Division. He was killed in action July 18, 1918.

LEO DESILETS was a corporal in the third platoon of G Co., 103rd Inf., 26th Division. He was killed in action July 18, 1918.

The New London Chapter, YDVA, extends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all YD buddies and their families.

— JOHN M. O'CONNOR,
Secretary.

WALLINGFORD

Commander: Robert Bryson
58 Fair St., Wallingford, Conn.
Secretary: Robert T. Delehanty
228 So. Orchard St., Wallingford, Conn.

We have a very small membership, but very active. Armistice Day, ERIK HILLBOM was appointed marshal of the parade. We had a very nice parade, in fact, one of the best that we have had in years. The town of Wallingford donated $6,000 for a monument. Governor Baldwin dedicated on this day. There was about 10,000 people at the Dedication. It looked as if every one in town was present. The parade started at the Armory and went about a mile and a half. The Lyman Hall High School Band was in the lead. We had a good representation from the state YD men. Among those present were Past National Commander LEN MALONEY, Past State Commander RAYMOND KINCAID, Senior Commander BILL ALLEN, R. Fox from Bristol, and BILL LORING of Wallingford was in charge of the organizing. All in all it was a YD day. All our Chapter members were aides. As for myself, I was Chief of Staff.

I received a letter from Captain Windsor of Boston. He would have been glad to be here only he had a previous engagement. He was

our Captain in France. He also brought us home.

Our membership in Wallingford is only 21 with a possible 30. This is the best that can be had.

ERNIE BORGHI has been in Newington for the last month. Hoping all the boys that know ERNIE will send him a card. He will appreciate it.

At a competitive drill, of the present Company K of the 102nd, our chapter presented a medal to the most valuable man. Presented by the Commander. That evening we had a very good representation to help with the presentation.

— ROBERT BRYSON.

WATERBURY
"P.C. Vigneulles"

Commander: William J. Shanahan
89 Chipman St., Waterbury
Secretary: Walter Bolan
96 Nottingham Ter., Waterbury, Conn.

Vigneulles Chapter amid a fanfare of ceremony installed its new officers Saturday evening, Nov. 18th in Pythian Hall. The officers installed were Commander, Col. WM. J. SHANAHAN; Sr. V. Comm., MICHAEL GIORDANO; Jr. V. Comm., NICHOLAS J. MUCCINO; Secretary, WALTER BOLAN; Chaplain, HERMAN SCHAEFFER; and Sgt.-at-Arms, LEO PROVOST. Dept. Commander GARDINER HALL was the installing officer.

In an address after the installation ceremonies, Major MALONEY said that no other divisional organization in the country is like the Yankee Division Veterans' Association. "Only the YD is national in scope, offering services to its members throughout the year." He urged the YD members to forget that they had a club and to consider themselves part of a national organization, working for others and with a record of accomplished deeds. "Get behind civic affairs, let the city know that the YD exists and is ready to do things. Pitch in and put the YD in the foreground, like it was 22 years ago."

State Commander GARDINER HALL commended Col. WM. SHANAHAN, newly elected commander of the chapter and predicted a larger membership and more activities under Col. SHANAHAN'S guidance. WILLIAM THOMPSON of Bristol, past department commander, also spoke.

Col. SHANAHAN said he deeply appreciated the honor bestowed upon him. He has been a member of Vigneulles chapter for all of its 21 years of existence and hopes now to give it a new lease on life, enroll many new members and once more put Waterbury on the YD map.

Dept. Commander HALL was assisted in the installation ceremonies by his official staff.

Mrs. May Bolan, past state president of the auxiliary, installed the women, assisted by Olive Nelson, past president of Mont Sec Auxiliary, of Bristol. After the ceremonies there was general dancing and refreshments.

Auxiliary officers seated were: President, Mrs. Rose Downs; 1st V. Pres., Cassie Cronk; 2nd V. Pres., Jane Meyer; Secretary, Ceil Kerins; Treasurer, Marie Bolan; Chaplain, Florence Schaeffer; Sgt.-at-Arms, May Aylward; Patriotic Instructor, Sally Lawlor; Historian, Helen Brophy; Trustees, Alice Deady, Mary Crowe and Marie Caffery; Color bearers, Alice Deady, Edith Giordano, Gladys Dwyer, and Marie Caffery.

WILLIMANTIC
"Windham County Chapter"

Commander: Henry Pukallus
87 Smith Ave., Norwich, Conn.
Secretary: Charles Rathbone
R.F.D. No. 2, Norwich, Conn.

The gang at Willimantic is on the "Go" again with several hundred tickets out on a "Holiday Basket" with a value set at $25. We expect to add a substantial sum to our already nice bank balance from this venture. There will be two Thanksgiving Baskets going out to needy members. Membership should show an increase before long and we hope to hit the 60 mark shortly. More news as it comes along will be sent in and in the meantime Windham County Chapter is very active and will have other worthwhile news later on.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Dep't. Commander: Fred H. Flahavan, 1257 East 101st St., Cleveland, O.

DENVER
"Rocky Mountain Chapter"

Commander: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver
Secretary: Arthur G. Vetter
1205 Logan St., Denver, Colo.

First of all am glad to hear that PHIL is on the mend. Am sure that I voice the sentiments of all of our local YD-ers when I say that I wish him a speedy recovery.

Had a very nice little meeting several weeks ago. Most of the old dependables were there. "Rocky" was absent — V.F.W. business in some other city, I believe was the reason.

Am sending you our roster for this past year:

C. W. JOHNSON, 103rd F.A., Engineering Dept. Phone Co.; RAYMOND M. LOEB, 102nd F.A., employed phone Co.; TEMPLE H. BUELL, Trench Mortar Bn., Prominent architect; Dr. J. I. MORRIS, 103rd F.A., Osteopathic physician; JAMES R. NORTON, 101st F.A., Manager Lewiston Hotel; FRANK J. MURRAY, 101st Field Sgn. Bn., employee Phone Co.; PAT PEDICINO, 102nd Inf., patient Fitzsimons Hosp.; F. L. CHAPIN, 101st F.A., employee Construction Co.; A. W. GOWAN, 101st Inf., (now out of town); A. G. VETTER, 101st F.A., postal clerk; A. W. ROCKWELL, 102nd M. G. Bn., Real estate.

— VETTER.

P.S. HARRY GOEDELMANN, who operates a shoe repairing shop, while not a member has been very faithful in attendance. He was a member of the 102nd Inf.

NEW YORK

Commander: Joseph C. McGlone
27 West 44th Street, New York, N. Y.
Secretary: Harry A. Burt
594 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Whiz-z-z! BANG! Rat-a-tat-tat! BANG! Gosh, fellows this meeting of the New York Chapter, Y.D.V.A., held at the 77th Division Club last evening, Tuesday, November 28th, was no sleepy affair but on the other hand there was plenty doing — fireworks, barrages, machine guns, and just ordinary fire crackers — BUT what a meeting. It was alive in every respect, speakers endeavoring to break in on other speakers. It was not a fireside chat but after the various cannons subsided, what a peaceful atmosphere and what good fellowship.

Commander JOE MCGLONE opened the meeting at 8:32 in his usual good form and JULIUS FEDEL was called upon to act as Chaplain. Everything in routine until new business when the excitement started. OTIS CULVER gave a lengthy eulogy of JOE MCGLONE — and OTIS was in rare form. Ye scribe had a difference of opinion with our good friend, JIM DONOVAN, and wound up by bending the elbow with JIM after the meeting.

Suffice it to say that we have discovered the JOE MCGLONE we knew when the Chapter was building up — he had fire in his eye and handled the meeting in the manner we all admire so much. More power to you JOE and the entire Chapter is in back of you. Keep up the good work.

In the last issue of YANKEE DOINGS ye scribe erroneously reported a WILLIAM MOFFITT as a new member. The name is WILLIAM MORFORD and we apologize for the error. Also HARRY W. HART is a new member, making a total of 152 members.

HARRY VAN HALA brought as his guest W. Yates, a musician of renown who was formerly with the 32nd Artillery. Also Commander MCGLONE brought Judge Edward Reardon as his guest. We were happy to have them with us.

Under Welfare Committee, excerpts from two personal letters written by BART KILEY were read. BART is still in Tupper Lake and it looks as though he would be there for another two or three months. BART took a chance to get a deer and we are still waiting for the venison — and so is BART. BART met Captain HAROLD F. PARKER, formerly of the 104th Medical but inasmuch as he is 379 miles away from New York cannot get to meetings.

The report in connection with YD plates for the State of New York is not so good. It may take a couple of more years before we will be able to get this through.

A report on the Christmas Cheer baskets was very good and it appears as though the New York Chapter would have a fairly good treasury before the first of January.

Wonders of Wonders — BILL SAVAGE (no relation to the savages in Africa) put in an appearance at the meeting but inasmuch as he

finally found his way from the wilds of Brooklyn, we won't pan him too much. It was a pleasure to see him with us — hope his wife will let him out more frequently because he is a lot of fun.

The meeting closed at 11.15 P.M. and there were fifty-five present. A real good time had by all.

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CLEVELAND
"Ohio Chapter"
Commander: Fred H. Flahavan
1257 East 101st St., Cleveland, Ohio
Secretary: George Z. Jackson
1289 West 76th St., Cleveland, Ohio

This new Commander of ours from Pascoag does business as business should be done and quicker then you can snap your finger the meeting is under way, business is done and sooner than that, bottled refreshments are showing bottoms up.

Meeting called at 3:30 P.M. — Sunday Nov. 19. Minutes of previous meeting, OK. Treasurers report, OK. Discussion on membership, several agreed to make a call or two and collect dues. Discussion on Service work and agreed that a service officer should be appointed.

Motion to secure YD colors and check sent to Boston for same. Report by FLAHAVAN and McGLOIN on executive meeting in Hartford held Oct. Fourth. Motion to pay bills. Done, and still money in the bank. Report by FLAHAVAN on dedication services at grave of General EDWARDS in Washington on Armistice Day.

Motion by Church that Christmas Party be held for the members, wives and children on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 17th. Seconded by PERKINS. This will be our first party for the children and plans are being made to make it one of the outstanding events of the year. RALPH SHAW is chairman of events and he has promised that Santa will be here and all the fixin's that kids like and enjoy.

Plans and motion to hold a Washington Birthday Party, Open house all day Sunday the 24th of February. Motion by O'CONNOR and seconded by DIETRICK. Motion to send check for $10.00 to Red Cross. Meeting turned over to Chaplain LAWLOR for closing.

There were only a few of our members absent from the meeting and it is hoped that they will be able to attend the next time. Fifteen Thanksgiving baskets were sent out for those that are in need. An electric Iron and Radio given to the community P T A for their annual money raising party which will occur the 5th of Dec.

— FRED H. FLAHAVAN,
Acting Secretary.

WASHINGTON
Commander: Joseph Jordan, Jr.
1750 Harvard St., Washington, D. C.
Secretary: Raymond J. Queenin
4619 Warren St., NW, Washington, D. C.

For Washington Chapter news read the article written by NATE GOLDEN entitled: "Washington Chapter Dedicates Headstone at Grave of Major General Edwards."

101ST INFANTRY ITEMS

Plans are being formulated for the annual banquet of the company to be held this winter in Boston.

ED GORMAN, who was immigration inspector at Buffalo, has been transferred to Boston. "Happy" DUSTIN, the comedian of the war-time company, is convalescing from an illness that confined him in the hospital for a short time.

JIMMY MORAN, our old Mess-Sgt., is living in Los Angeles and plays minor parts in the movies. EINER WESTLING is a member of the Boston Club and is prominent in YD Post, A.L. activities.

WALTER GRANT maintains law offices at 6 Beacon St., Boston. He often attends the YD Club Smokers with FRANK GANNON, who is priminent in the banking world. Lieut. GEO. GILLISPIE has reduced 18 pounds in order to retain his commission in the N.G. He will be the speaker at the annual banquet where he will

orate on, "My Days and Nights on the Mexican Border."

The writer and JIM BARRY of the Disabled Veterans Exchange were the Boston representatives of the YD Club and 101st Vet. Ass'n. at the dedication of General EDWARDS' Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery, Va. on Armistice Day.

At 9 A. M. the YD group marched to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier where JERRY O'LEARY, Nat'l. Commander of the Y.D.V.A., JOSEPH JORDAN, Commander of the YD Club of Washington and NATHAN GOLDEN, Commander of the Gen. C. R. Edwards' Post of the V.F.W. of Washington, laid wreaths at the Tomb.

The group then marched to the grave of "Daddy" EDWARDS where impressive services were held and many distinguished guests were present including several governors and congressmen from the six N. E. states. Perhaps the most outstanding event at these exercises was the eloquent and masterly unveiling address given by the Hon. John W. McCormack, M.C.

Many others famous in civil and military life paid tribute in stirring addresses to Gen. EDWARDS' memory.

The grave and monument were covered with flowers from many chapters of the YD throughout the country. There was one from a Frances Morley from Omaha, Nebraska and one from Los Angeles.

The services were brought to a close by rendition of "Rock of Ages" by the Third Cavalry Band from Fort Myer and the sounding of Taps by Master Sgt. Frank Witchey.

Later the writer and RAY QUEENIN, secretary of the Washington YD Club placed a wreath on the grave of Major BILLY MCGUINESS.

That evening the writer was the guest of the YD Club of Washington at the military ball of the V.F.W. in the grand ballroom of the Willard Hotel.

The writer and his friends are much beholden to their comrades of the Washington chapter of the YD especially Comrades QUEENIN and NATE GOLDEN for their many kindnesses and hospitality during their two day sojourn in the Capital City.

— MIKE MOONEY,
Co. I, 101st Inf. V. A.

103RD MACHINE GUN B'N.

The members and friends of Co. C, 103rd M.G. Bn., Veterans' Assoc., held a very successful military whist on November 23rd at the YDVA headquarters in Providence. Twenty tables were used and eats were served by the committee. They were Privates "Granny" GRANDCHAMP, "Clif" HIGGINS, JAMES THOMAS, and "Bob" MURRAY. A turkey was won by "Bob" ELEY and whist prizes were won by WALT ABBEY and his wife.

A Christmas party is planned for December and January third we expect to entertain Co. A, 103rd M.G. Bn. with a bean supper and entertainment.

— JOHN A. DOLLIVER.

FLICKERS FROM THE 104TH

A meeting of the 20th annual 104th reunion committee was held on November 6th, at the Aurora Hotel, there were 25 present.

Guest of the evening was Regimental Adjutant LAWRENCE A. WAGNER of Holyoke, who spoke on the various methods of which the reunion committees can do their part by cooperating with the Chairman of arrangements. Comrade LARRY WAGNER advised the corporation members that Worcester, will be the city that will bring about the greatest number of 104th veterans to the annual reunion center in 1940, as a suggestion to all members of the 104th A.E.F. Association and their respective Unit Commanders throughout the universe, they should file their intentions of any and all ideas with regards to banquets, etc., etc. This matter needs the attention of the different company parties which should have their minds made up in time and prevent any last minute details to be left to the reunion committees. Address all communications to Pres. JOHN BOURGEOIS, 142 Beacon Street, Worcester, Mass., Reunion Secretary, Raymond L. Divoll, Pomona Road, Worcester, Mass.

On Monday evening, December 4th, a meeting of the Worcester Unit 104th A.E.F. Association will be held to further the plans of the "Monte Carlo" which will be held on a later date. Report of the success of an organization in the suburbs of this city that operated a like bank night netted several hundred dollars.

Comrade WILLIAM ESIP, Co. A, is a patient at the Rutland Hgts. Veterans Hospital, all the members of the Worcester Unit wish him a speedy recovery.

Congratulations go out to Comrade JACOB KESSLER, recently discharged from the Rutland Hgts. Facility. He has been appointed Commander of the Third District of the American Legion. Comrade KESSLER is a Past Commander of Worcester Post, No. 5, A. L., and has been very much interested in the Child Welfare work for the past three years. We all wish him success in his new undertakings and hope that his health will help to keep him in line with the future events.

Past State Dept. Commander, Y.D.V.A., CLYDE O. ELLIOTT, reports that he has recently paid a visit to Athol, where he met up with several of the 104th veterans of that district and it now appears that there will be a YD Club formed in the coming winter months. More power to you fellows up there and let's hope that you all come into the fold soon, Comrade FRANK BARNES of this neck of the woods has looked forward to some membership activity most from you fellows up there for a long time. There is a lot of assistance that can be furnished from members of this district.

— ERNIE PARENT,
Adjutant Worcester Unit.

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HERBERT W. FITZGERALD died Nov. 24 at his home in South Boston. Late Sergeant, Co. L, 101st Inf.; 26th Div., AEF. Member of Milton Post, No. 114.

EDMUND J. SOUTHERTON, former member of Co. D., 102nd Inf., died at his home in West Haven, Conn., Nov. 14th, after a long illness. He was a member of New Haven chapter. The funeral was private but flowers were sent by the chapter. Comrade SOUTHERTON was born in 1898. For 20 years he was employed by the Southern New England Telephone Co. An accomplished pianist, he conducted his own orchestra for a number of years. He was also prominent in athletics, particularly in baseball and basketball. Interment was in Beaverdale Cemetery.

ALLIE C. BURKE, former member of Co. G, 102nd Inf., buried at Manchester, Conn., Nov. 4th. Members of Epieds chapter acted as pall bearers and the YD ritual was read. Detail was led by JVC WILLIAM SHIELDS and all were G Co. comrades.

ROBERT CROSSON. Winsted, Conn. No details.

JAMES J. SHEERIN, charter member of Richard F. Metcalf Post, No. 1664, Winthrop, Mass. Served with 101st Inf., Yankee Div., in World War. Died, Oct. 13, 1939.

MARTIN CARDILLO, F Co., 101st Inf., 26th Div. Died Dec. 1, 1939 at Rutland, Mass. Buried by F Co., of Waltham.

WILLIAM J. GOGGIN, former member of the 102nd Field Hosp., died at the Veterans Hospital in Newington, on Dec. 1st. He was formerly a resident of New Haven but more recently he was a cook at the institution in which he died. Three sisters and two brothers survive. Following a requiem high mass at St. Patrick's Church, New Haven, Goggin was interred in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

THOMAS MCMAHON died Dec. 4th at Chelsea Soldeirs' Home Hospital. Member of Lynn Chapter. Served with Med. Det., 104th Inf., 26th Div.

A news despatch from the *News* and *Courier*, Charleston, S. C. reported the death of Colonel AIKEN SIMONS. Colonel SIMONS was a resident of Charleston, but at the outbreak of the war was working in Providence, R. I. and entered the service with the Coast Artillery there, which was later made into the 103rd Field Artillery. He went overseas with the 26th Division and served on the Divisional Staff afterwards going to General Headquarters.

YD CLUB ANNUAL MILITARY BALL

The Annual Ball of the YD Club of Boston was held at the Copley Plaza Hotel on Friday evening, December 15th.

The Ball as usual attracted YD men and their families from all over New England. Jack Marshard entertained with his well known orchestra. Dancing from 8 until 1. There were well over a thousand attended and a wonderful time was had by all. The boxes were beautifully decorated with bunting and flags of all outfits and nations. Among the Box holders were General Cole, General Eckfeldt, General Needham, General Fish, Colonel Weeks, Colonel Goodwin, Adjutant General Erickson, Colonel Landon, Colonel Bailey 101st Medical Regiment, Colonel Luther, Colonel Carew, 101st Engineers, Captain Harold J. Smith, 26th Tank Company; Major T. L. Storer, Dr. Edward B. Sheehan, Captain Alexander Ellis, Kenneth Johnson, Austin Appleby, Commander of the State Dept. YDVA; Major John Downing, Special Troops 26th Division; Allan Forbes and John C. Kiley, Trustees YD Club of Boston; YD Club Auxiliary, 26th Club and Y.D.V.A.

The dancing started at 8 p. m. with uniforms of all colors and description, dress and service. At 10.30 the Grand March was started and everyone in the hall joined for a very colorful affair.

Out of town visitors were noted from Brockton, Providence, Willimantic and Waterbury, Conn.; Manchester and Nashua, N. H.; Portland Maine; Worcester, Springfield, Haverhill, Lynn, Danvers, Salem, Lowell, Reading, Foxboro, Fitchburg and Plymouth.

Without a doubt the YD Military Ball is the outstanding event in the social calendar of the season and after many seasons of continued success it seems to be getting bigger and better every year.

Too Late to Classify

STAMFORD

Commander: George Riickerel
Valley Road, Cos Cob, Conn.
Secretary: Oscar Cinque
591 Pacific St., Stamford, Conn.

Armistice Night witnessed one of the finest events ever staged by any veterans organization in this city. George Riickerel and his gang did it again.

The "brothers" (and sisters) gathered in what was to have been the Gay Nineties Room of the Piccadilly in Stamford for the Annual Dinner Dance of the Chapter to commemorate this great day but which was moved to the main dining hall of the restaurant because of an overflow crowd. Every known YD man in town was on hand together with his friends and well wishers. A small number of distinguished guests and officials "dressed up" the affair, but the evening was given over primarily to the "old gang" and set speeches were taboo, with the exception of a well worded and sincere message from our old Artillery friend and comrade, Colonel J. J. Alden Twactman of Greenwich, wartime Commander of the 103rd Field Artillery. Harry Dunn did the honors as Toastmaster and did the job well as per usual. Prior to Col. Twachtman speaking all former members of his command rose in tribute to their war time leader which brought tears to the eyes of the Colonel, to coin a phrase or was I seeing things. It could not help but being a sort of an artillery affair because of the complexion of the crowd, but all branches of the service were present and received recognition, even Top-Sergeants.

Our newly formed Auxiliary aided in great measure to put the party over. Mrs. Kathleen Sullivan responded to a call for a few words of welcome by outlining the aims and purposes of her organization, her remarks being exceptionally well received. Incidentally, the Chapter and Auxiliary meet monthly on the same night. The Auxiliary furnishing the eats.

The success of the affair socially and financially paves the way to repeaters in the years to follow. The committee consisted of Ray MacNichol, Carl Paight, Harry Dunn, and Vincent Callahan with Ray carrying the ball most of the way. Indeed the extraordinary large attendance at the Dinner Dance was as much a tribute to Ray as it was to George Riickerel, our hard working Commander.

Monday, Dec. 4th, found the Chapter in its regular meeting, entertaining Dept. Commander Hall, Dept. Sgt. at Arms Pimpare, Chaplain Keating, District Comm. Henry Woods and Sam Polley, P.C. of the Norwalk Chapter.

Gardiner spoke of his Armistice Day visit to Arlington Cemetery which, by the way, he attended as the representative of the Governor of Conn., and his participation in the exercises at the last resting place of Gen. Edwards. When, in his description of the location of the grave located as it is on the side of a hill overlooking the Potomac with the skyline of beautiful Washington just beyond, I thought I detected the soul of a poet in his remarks, so graphic and sentimental was his description of the scene. The whole speech was an inspiration.

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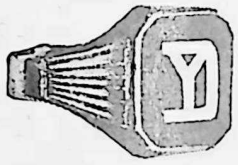

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